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A T T H E
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P R E S E N T

The King's Most Excellent Majesty
in C O U N C I L.

U P O N the Humble Petition of Nicholas Brady and Nahum Tate, this Day read at the Board, setting forth, that the Petitioners have, with their utmost Care and Industry, compleated A New Version of the Psalms of David, in English Metre fitted for Public Use; and humbly praying His Majesty's Royal Allowance that the said Version may be used in such Congregations as shall think fit to receive it.

His Majesty taking the same into his Royal Consideration, is pleased to Order in Council, That the said New Version of the Psalms in English Metre be, and the same is hereby Allowed and Permitted to be used in all Churches, Chapels and Congregations, as shall think fit to receive the same.

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OF THE
PSALMS
OF
DAVID,

Fitted to the TUNES
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HIS Majesty having Allowed and Permitted the Use of a New Version of the Psalms of David, by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, — in all Churches, Chapels and Congregations; I cannot do less than wish a good Success to this Royal Indulgence; For I find it a WORK done with so much Judgment and Ingenuity, that I am persuaded, it may take off that unhappy Objection, which has hitherto lain against the Singing Psalms; and dispose that part of Divine Service to much more Devotion. And I do heartily recommend the Use of this Version to all my Brethren within my Diocese.

H. LONDON.

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TUNES and MEASURES.

ALL Psalms of this Version in the *Common Measure* of Eights and Sixes (that is, where the first and third Lines of the single Stanza consist of eight Syllables each, the second and fourth Lines of six Syllables each) may be sung to any of the most usual Tunes: namely, *York-tune*, *Windfortune*, *St David's*, *Litchfield*, *Canterbury*, *Martyrs*, *St. Mary's*, alias *Hackney*, *St. Ann's-tune*, &c.

As the Old 25 Psalm, may be sung the New, 25, 31, 51, 67, 130, 142.

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The Psalms in this Version of four Lines in a single Stanza, and eight Syllables in each Line (if Psalms of Praise or Chearfulness) may properly be sung as the Old 100 Psalm, or to the Tune of the Old 125 Psalm second Metre.

The Penitential or Mournful Psalms in the same Measure, may be sung as the Old 51 Psalm; which Tunes, with all the fore-mentioned, are printed in the *Supplement* to this New Version.

A New

A New Version of the Psalms, &c.

Psalm i.

HOW blest is he who ne'er consents
by ill Advice to walk;
Nor stands in Sinners Ways, nor sits
where Men profanely talk.

- 2 But makes the perfect Law of God
his Business and Delight;
Devoutly reads therein by Day,
and meditates by Night.
- 3 Like some fair Tree, which fed by Streams
with timely Fruit does bend,
He still shall flourish, and Success
all his Designs attend.
- 4 Ungodly Men and their Attempts
no lasting Root shall find;
Untimely blasted and dispers'd
like Chaff before the Wind.
- 5 Their Guilt shall strike the Wicked dumb
before the Judge's Face:
No formal Hypocrite shall then
amongst the Saints have place.
- 6 For God approves the just Man's Ways,
to Happiness they tend;
But Sinners and the Paths they tread,
shall both in Ruin end.

Psalm ii.

- 1 **W**ITH restless and ungovern'd Rage,
why do the Heathen storm?
Why in such rash Attempts engage,
as they can ne'er perform.
- 2 The great in Counsel and in Might,
their various Forces bring;
Against the Lord they all unite,
and his anointed King.
- 3 Must we submit to their Commands?
presumptuously they say:
No, let us break their slavish Bands,
and cast their Chains away.
- 4 But God, who sits in thron'd on high,
and sees how they combine,
Does their conspiring Strength defy,
and mocks their vain Design.

- 5 Thick Clouds of Wrath divine shall break
on his rebellious Foes :
And thus will he in Thunder speak
to all that dare oppose.
- 6 " Though madly you dispute my Will,
" the King that I ordain,
" Whose Throne is fix'd on Sion's Hill,
" shall there securely reign. "
- 7 Attend, O Earth, whilst I declare
God's uncontrol'd Decree ;
" Thou art my Son, this Day my Heir
" have I begotten thee.
- 8 " Ask and receive thy full Demands,
" thine shall the Heathen be ;
" The utmost Limits of the Lands
" shall be possess'd by thee.
- 9 " Thy threat'ning Sceptre thou shalt shake,
" and crush them ev'ry where ;
" As massy Bars of Iron break
" the Potters brittle Ware. "
- 10 Learn then, ye Princes, and give ear,
ye Judges of the Earth ;
- 11 Worship the Lord with holy Fear,
rejoice with awful Mirth.
- 12 Appease the Son with due Respect,
your timely Homage pay ;
Lest he revenge the bold Neglect,
incens'd by your Delay.
- 13 If but in part his Anger rise,
who can endure the Flame ?
Then blest are they whose Hope relies
on his most holy Name.

Psalm iii.

- 1 **H**OW num'rous, Lord, of late are grown
the Troublers of my Peace !
And as their Numbers hourly rise,
so does their Rage increase.
- 2 Insulting they my Soul upbraid,
and him whom I adore ;
The God in whom he trusts, say they,
shall rescue him no more.
- But thou, O Lord, art my Defence ;
on thee my Hopes rely ;

Thou

- But guard the Just, thou God, to whom
the Hearts of both are known.
- 10, 11 God me protects, not only me,
but all of upright Heart;
And daily lays up Wrath for those
who from his Laws depart.
- 12 If they persist, he whets his Sword,
his Bow stands ready bent;
- 13 Ev'n now with swift Destruction wing'd,
his pointed Shafts are sent.
- 14 The Plots are fruitless which my Foe
unjustly did conceive:
- 15 The Pit he digg'd for me has prov'd
his own untimely Grave.
- 16 On his own Head his Spite returns,
whilst I from Harm am free!
On him the Violence is fall'n,
which he design'd for me.
- 17 Therefore will I the righteous Ways
of Providence proclaim;
I'll sing the Praise of God most High,
and celebrate his Name.

Psalm viii.

- 1 O Thou, to whom all Creatures bow
within this earthly Frame,
Thro' all the World how great art thou!
how glorious is thy Name!
In Heav'n thy wond'rous Acts are sung,
nor fully reckon'd there;
- 2 And yet thou mak'st the Infant-Tongue
thy boundless Praise declare:
Thro' thee the Weak confound the Strong,
and crush their haughty Foes;
And so thou quell'st the wicked Throng,
that thee and thine oppose.
- 3 When Heav'n, thy beauteous Work on high,
employs my wond'ring Sight;
The Moon, that nightly rules the Sky,
with Stars of feebler Light;
- 4 What's Man (say I) that, Lord, thou lov'st
to keep him in thy Mind?
Or what his Offspring, that thou prov'st
to them so wond'rous kind?

- 5 Him next in Pow'r thou didst create
to thy celestial Train ;
6 Ordain'd with Dignity and State,
o'er all thy Works to reign.
7 They jointly own his pow'rful Sway ;
the Beasts that prey or graze ;
8 The Bird that wings its airy Way ;
the Fish that cuts the Seas.
9 O thou, to whom all Creatures bow
within this earthly Frame,
Thro' all the World how great art thou!
how glorious is thy Name !

Psalm ix.

- 1 **T**O celebrate thy Praise, O Lord,
I will my Heart prepare ;
To all the list'ning World thy Works,
thy wond'rous Works declare.
2 The Thought of them shall to my Soul
exalted Pleasures bring ;
Whilst to thy Name, O thou most High,
triumphant Praise I sing.
3 Thou mad'st my haughty Foes to turn
their Backs in shameful Flight ;
Struck with thy Presence down they fell,
they perish'd at thy Sight.
4 Against insulting Foes advanc'd
thou didst my Cause maintain ;
My Right asserting from thy Throne,
where Truth and Justice reign.
5 The Insolence of Heathen Pride
thou hast reduc'd to Shame ;
Their wicked Offspring quite destroy'd,
and blotted out their Name.
6 Mistaken Foes ! your haughty Threats
are to a Period come :
Our City stands, which you design'd
to make our common Tomb.
7, 8 The Lord for ever lives, who has
his righteous Throne prepar'd,
Impartial Justice to dispense,
to punish or reward.
9 God is a constant sure Defence
against oppressing Rage ;
As Troubles rise, his needful Aids
in our Behalf engage.

- 10 All those who have his Goodness prov'd
will in his Truth confide ;
Whose Mercy ne'er forsook the Man
that on his Help rely'd.
- 11 Sing Praises therefore to the Lord ;
from Sion his Abode,
Proclaim his Deeds, till all the World
confess no other God.

P A R T II.

- 12 When he enquiry makes for Blood,
he'll call the Poor to mind :
The injur'd humble Man's Complaint
Relief from him shall find.
- 13 Take pity on my Troubles, Lord,
which spiteful Foes create,
Thou that hast rescu'd me so oft
from Death's devouring Gate.
- 14 In Sion then I'll sing thy Praise,
to all that love thy Name ;
And with loud Shouts of grateful Joy
thy saving Pow'r proclaim.
- 15 Deep in the Pit they digg'd for me
the Heathen Pride is laid ;
Their guilty Feet to their own Snare
insensibly betray'd.
- 16 Thus by the just Returns he makes
the mighty Lord is known ;
While wicked Men by their own Plots
are shamefully o'erthrown.
- 17 No single Sinner shall escape
by Privacy obscur'd ;
Nor Nation from his just Revenge
by Numbers be secur'd.
- 18 His suff'ring Saints, when most distress'd,
he ne'er forgets to aid ;
Their Expectation shall be crown'd,
though for a Time delay'd.
- 19 Arise, O Lord, assert thy Pow'r,
and let not Man o'ercome ;
Descend to Judgment, and pronounce
the guilty Heathen's Doom.
- 20 Strike Terror thro' the Nations round,
till, by consenting Fear,
They,

They, to each other, and themselves,
but mortal Men appear.

Psalm x.

- T**HY Presence why withdraw'st thou, Lord?
why hid'st thou now thy Face,
When dismal Times of deep Distress
call for thy wonted Grace ?
- 2 The wicked, swell'd with lawless Pride,
have made the Poor their Prey,
O let them fall by those Designs
which they for others lay.
- 3 For strait they Triumph, if Success
their thriving Crimes attend :
And sordid Wretches, whom God hates,
perversely they commend.
- 4 To own a Pow'r above themselves
their haughty Pride disdains ;
And therefore in their stubborn Mind
no Thought of God remains.
- 5 Oppressive Methods they pursue,
and all their Foes they slight ;
Because thy Judgments unobserv'd
are far above their Sight.
- 6 They fondly think their prosp'rous State
shall unmolested be ;
They think their vain Designs shall thrive,
from all Misfortune free.
- 7 Vain and deceitful is their Speech,
with Curses fill'd and Lies ;
By which the Mischief of their Heart
they study to disguise.
- 8 Near public Roads they lie conceal'd,
and all their Art employ,
The Innocent and Poor at once
to rifle and destroy.
- 9 Not Lions, couching in their Dens,
surprise their heedless Prey
With greater Cunning, or express
more savage Rage than they.
- 10 Sometimes they act the harmless Man,
and modest Looks they wear ;
That, so deceiv'd, the Poor may less
their sudden Onset fear.

P A R T II.

- 11 For God, they think, no Notice takes
of their unrighteous Deeds ;
He never minds the suff'ing Poor,
nor their Oppression heeds.
- 12 But thou, O Lord, at length arise ;
Stretch forth thy mighty Arm ;
And, by the Greatness of thy Pow'r,
defend the Poor from Harm.
- 13 No longer let the Wicked vaunt,
and proudly boasting say,
" Tush, God regards not what we do,
" he never will repay. "
- 14 But sure thou seest, and all their Deeds
impartially dost try ;
The Orphan therefore and the Poor
on thee for Aid rely.
- 15 Defenceless let the Wicked fall,
of all their Strength bereft ;
Confound, O God, their dark Designs,
till no Remains are left.
- 16 Assert thy just Dominion, Lord,
which shall for ever stand ;
Thou who the Heathen didst expel
from this thy chosen Land.
- 17 Thou dost the humble Suppliants hear
that to thy Throne repair ;
Thou first prepar'st their Hearts to pray,
and then accept'st their Pray'r.
- 18 Thou in thy righteous Judgment weigh'st
the Fatherless and Poor ;
That so the Tyrants of the Earth
may persecute no more.

Psalm xi.

- 1 SINCE I have plac'd my Trust in God,
a Refuge always nigh,
Why should I, like a tim'rous Bird,
to distant Mountains fly ?
- 2 Behold, the Wicked bend their Bow,
and ready fix their Dart :
Lurking in Ambush to destroy
the Man of upright Heart.

3. When once the firm Assurance fails
which public Faith imparts,
'Tis Time for Innocence to fly
from such deceitful Arts.
- 4 The Lord hath both a Temple here,
and righteous Throne above;
Where he surveys the Sons of Men,
and how their Counsels move.
- 5 If God, the Righteous, whom he loves,
for Trial does correct;
What must the Sons of Violence,
whom he abhors, expect?
- 6 Snares, Fire, and Brimstone on their Heads
shall in one Tempest show'r;
This dreadful Mixture his Revenge
into their Cup shall pour.
- 7 The righteous Lord, will righteous Deeds,
with signal Favour grace;
And to the upright Man disclose
the Brightness of his Face.

Psalm xii.

- SINCE godly Men decay, O Lord,
do thou my Cause defend;
For scarce these wretched Times afford
one just and faithful Friend.
- 2 One Neighbour now can scarce believe
what t'other doth impart:
With flatt'ring Lips they all deceive,
and with a double Heart.
 - 3 But Lips that with Deceit abound
can never prosper long;
God's righteous Vengeance will confound
the proud blaspheming Tongue.
 - 4 In vain those foolish Boasters say,
"our Tongues are sure our own;
"With doubtful Words we'll still betray,
"and be control'd by none.
 - 5 For God, who hears the suff'ring Poor,
and their Oppression knows,
Will soon arise and give them Rest,
in spite of all their Foes.
 - 6 The Word of God shall still abide,
and void of Falshood be:

As is the Silver sev'n Times try'd,
from droffy Mixture free.

- 7 The Promise of his aiding Grace
shall reach its purpos'd End;
His Servants from this faithless Race
he ever shall defend.
- 8 Then shall the Wicked be perplex'd,
nor know which Way to fly;
When those whom they despis'd and vex'd,
shall be advanc'd on high.

Psalm xiii.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, Lord?
Must I for ever mourn?

How long wilt thou withdraw from me;
oh! never to return?

- 2 How long shall anxious Thoughts my Soul,
and Grief my Heart oppress;
How long my Enemies insult,
and I have no Redress?

- 3 O hear! and to my longing Eyes
restore thy wonted Light;
And suddenly, or I shall sleep
in everlasting Night.

- 4 Restore me, lest they proudly boast
'twas their own Strength o'ercame;
Permit not them that vex my Soul
to triumph in my Shame.

- 5 Since I have always plac'd my Trust
beneath thy Mercy's Wing,
Thy saving Health will come, and then
my Heart with Joy shall spring:

- 6 Then shall my Song, with Praise inspir'd,
to thee my God ascend;
Who to thy Servant in Distress
such Bounty didst extend.

Psalm xiv.

- 1 **S**URE, wicked Fools must needs suppose
that God is nothing but a Name;
Corrupt and lewd their Practice grows,
no Breast is warm'd with holy Flame.

- 2 The Lord look'd down from Heav'n's high
and all the Sons of Men did view, (Tow'r,
To see if any own'd his Pow'r,
if any Truth or Justice knew,

But

- 3 But all, he saw, were gone aside,
all were degen'rate grown and base;
None took Religion for their Guide,
not one of all the sinful Race.
- 4 But can these Workers of Deceit
be all so dull and senseless grown;
That they, like Bread, my People eat,
and God's Almighty Pow'r disown?
- 5 How will they tremble then for Fear,
when his just Wrath shall them o'ertake?
For, to the Righteous, God is near,
and never will their Cause forsake.
- 6 Ill Men in vain with Scorn expose
those Methods which the Good pursue;
Since God a Refuge is for those
whom his just Eyes with Favour view.
- 7 Would he his saving Pow'r employ,
to break his People's servile Band!
Then Shouts of universal Joy,
should loudly eccho thro' the Land.

Psalm xv.

- L**ORD, who's the happy Man that may
to thy blest Courts repair?
Not, Stranger-like, to visit them,
but to inhabit there?
- 2 'Tis he, whose ev'ry Thought and Deed
by Rules of Virtue moves;
Whose gen'rous Tongue disdains to speak
the Thing his Heart disproves.
- 3 Who never did a Slander forge
his Neighbour's Fame to wound;
Or hearken to a false Report,
by Malice whisper'd round.
- 4 Who Vice, in all its Pomp and Pow'r,
can treat with just Neglect;
And Piety, tho' cloth'd in Rags,
religiously respect.
- 5 Who to his plighted Vows and Trust
has ever firmly stood;
And tho' he promise to his Loss
he makes his Promise good.
Whose Soul in Usury disdains
his Treasure to employ;

Whom

Whom no Rewards can ever bribe,
the Guiltless to destroy.

The Man, who by his steady Course
has Happiness insur'd, (stand,
When Earth's Foundation shakes, shall
by Providence secur'd.

Psalm xvi.

- 1 **P**ROtect me from my cruel Foes,
and shield me, Lord, from Harm;
Because my Trust I still repose
on thy Almighty Arm.
- 2 My Soul all Help but thine does slight,
all Gods but thee disown;
Yet can no Deeds of mine requite
the Goodness thou hast shown.
- 3 But those that strictly virtuous are,
and love the Thing that's right,
To favour always and prefer
shall be my chief Delight.
- 4 How shall their Sorrows be increas'd,
who other Gods adore?
Their bloody Off'rings I detest,
their very Names abhor.
- 5 My Lot is fall'n in that blest Land
where God is truly known;
He fills my Cup with lib'ral Hand;
'tis he supports my Throne.
- 6 In Nature's most delightful Scene
my happy Portion lies;
The Place of my appointed Reign
all other Lands out-vies.
- 7 Therefore my Soul shall bless the Lord,
whose Precepts give me Light,
And private Counsel still afford
in Sorrow's dismal Night.
- 8 I strive each Action to approve
to his all-seeing Eye;
No Danger shall my Hopes remove,
because he still is nigh.
- 9 Therefore my Heart all Grief defies,
my Glory does rejoice;
My Flesh shall rest, in hope to rise,
wak'd by his powerful Voice.

- 10 Thou, Lord, when I resign my Breath,
 my Soul from Hell shalt free;
 Nor let thy holy One in Death
 the least Corruption see.
- 11 Thou shalt the Paths of Life display,
 which to thy Presence lead;
 Where Pleasures dwell without allay,
 and Joys that never fade.

Pfalm xvii.

- 1 **T**O my just Plea, and sad Complaint,
 attend, O righteous Lord,
 And to my Pray'r, as 'tis unfeign'd,
 a gracious Ear afford.
- 2 As in thy Sight I am approv'd,
 so let my Sentence be;
 And with impartial Eyes, O Lord,
 my upright Dealing see.
- 3 For thou hast search'd my Heart by Day,
 and visited by Night;
 And on the strictest Trial found
 its secret Motions right.
 Nor shall thy Justice, Lord, alone
 my Heart's Designs acquit:
 For I have purpos'd that my Tongue
 shall no Offence commit.
- 4 I know what wicked Men would do
 their Safety to maintain;
 But me thy just and mild Commands
 from bloody Paths restrain.
- 5 That I may still, in spite of Wrongs,
 my Innocence secure;
 O guide me in thy righteous Ways,
 and make my Footsteps sure.
- 6 Since heretofore I ne'er in vain
 to thee, my Pray'r address;
 O now, my God, incline thine Ear
 to this my just Request.
- 7 The Wonders of thy Truth and Love
 in my Defence engage,
 Thou whose Right-hand preserves thy Saints
 from their Oppressors Rage.

P A R T II.

- 8, 9 O ! keep me in thy tend'rest Care ;
 thy shelt'ring Wings stretch out,
 To guard me safe from savage Foes,
 that compass me about.
- 10 O'ergrown with Luxury, enclos'd
 in their own Fat they lie ;
 And with a Proud blaspheming Mouth
 both God and Man defy.
- 11 Well may they boast ; for they have now
 my Paths encompass'd round ;
 Their Eyes at watch, their Bodies bow'd,
 and couching on the Ground.
- 12 In Posture of a Lion set,
 when greedy of his Prey ;
 Or a young Lion, when he lurks
 within a Covert Way.
- 13 Arise, O Lord, defeat their Plots,
 their swelling Rage control ;
 From wicked Men, who are thy Sword,
 deliver thou my Soul.
- 14 From wordly Men, thy sharpest Scourge,
 whose Portion's here below ;
 Who, fill'd with earthly Stores, aspire
 no other Bliss to know ;
- 15 Their Race is num'rous, that partake
 their Substance while they live :
 Their Heirs survive, to whom they may
 the vast Remainder give.
- 16 But I, in Uprightness, thy Face
 shall view without control :
 And, waking, shall its Image find
 reflected in my Soul.

Psalm xviii.

- 1, 2 **N**O Change of Times shall ever shock
 my firm, Affection Lord, to thee ;
 For thou hast always been a Rock,
 a Fortrefs and Defence to me.
 Thou my Deliv'rer art, my God :
 my Trust is in thy mighty Pow'r :
 Thou art my Shield from Foes abroad,
 At Home my Safe-guar'd and my Tow'r.

- 3 To thee I'll still address my Pray'r,
 (to whom all Praise we justly owe;)
 So shall I, by thy watchful Care,
 be guarded from my treach'rous Foe.
- 4, 5 By Floods of wicked Men distress'd,
 with deadly Sorrows compass'd round,
 With dire infernal Pangs oppress'd,
 in Death's unweilding Fetters bound.
- 6 To Heav'n I made my mournful Pray'r,
 to God address'd my humble Moan;
 Who graciously inclin'd his Ear,
 and heard me from his lofty Throne.

P A R T II.

- 7 When God arose to take my Part,
 the conscious Earth did quake for Fear;
 From their firm Posts the Hills did start,
 nor could his dreadful Fury bear.
- 8 Thick Clouds of Smoak dispers'd abroad,
 Ensigns of Wrath before him came;
 Devouring Fire around him glow'd,
 that Coals were kindled at its Flame.
- 9 He left the beauteous Realms of Light,
 whilst Heav'n bow'd down its awful Head;
 Beneath his Feet substantial Night
 was like a sable Carpet spread.
- 10 The Chariot of the King of Kings,
 which active Troops of Angels drew,
 On a strong Tempest's rapid Wings,
 with most amazing Swiftnefs flew.
- 11, 12 Black watry Mists and Clouds conspir'd
 with thickest Shades his Face to veil;
 But at his Brightnefs soon retir'd,
 and fell in Show'rs of Fire and Hail.
- 13 Thro' Heav'n's wide Arch a thundering Peal,
 God's angry Voice did loudly roar;
 While Earth's sad Face, with heaps of Hail
 and Flakes of Fire, was cover'd o'er.
- 14 The sharpen'd Arrows round he threw,
 which made his scatter'd Foes retreat;
 Like Darts, his nimble Light'nings flew,
 and quickly finish'd their Defeat,
- 15 The deep its secret Stores disclos'd;
 the World's Foundations naked lay,

By his avenging Wrath expos'd,
which fiercely rag'd that dreadful Day.

P A R T III.

- 16 The Lord did on my Side engage,
from Heav'n (his Throne) my Cause upheld
And snatch'd me from the furious Rage
of threat'ning Waves that proudly swell'd.
- 17 God his resistless Pow'r employ'd,
my strongest Foes Attempts to break;
Who else with Ease had soon destroy'd
the weak Defence that I could make.
- 18 Their subtle Rage had near prevail'd,
when I distrest and friendless lay;
But still when other Succours fail'd,
God was my firm Support and Stay.
- 19 From Dangers that inclos'd me round,
he brought me forth, and set me free:
For some just Cause his Goodness found,
that mov'd him to delight in me.
- 20 Because in me no Guilt remains,
God does his gracious Help extend;
My Hands are free from bloody Stains,
therefore the Lord is still my Friend.
- 21, 22 For I his Judgments kept in sight;
in his just Paths I always trod;
I never did his Statutes slight,
nor loosely wander'd from my God.
- 23, 24 But still my Soul, sincere and pure,
did ev'n from darling Sins refrain:
His Favours therefore yet endure,
because my Heart and Hands are clean.

P A R T IV.

- 25, 26 Thou suit'st, O Lord, thy righteous Ways
to various Paths of human-kind;
They who for Mercy merit Praise,
with thee shall wond'rous Mercy find.
Thou to the Just shalt Justice shew,
the Pure thy Purity shall see;
Such as perversly chuse to go,
shall meet with due Returns from thee.
- 27, 28 That be the humble Soul will save,
and crush the Haughty's boasted Might.

- In me the Lord an Instance gave,
 whose Darknefs he has turn'd to Light,
 29 On his firm Succour I rely'd,
 and did o'er num'rous Foes prevail;
 Nor fear'd, whilst he was on my Side,
 the best defended Walls to scale.
- 30 For God's Designs shall still succeed;
 his Word will bear the utmost Test;
 He's a strong Shield to all that need,
 and on his sure Protection rest.
- 31 Who then deserves to be ador'd,
 but God, on whom my Hopes depend?
 Or who, except the mighty Lord,
 can with resistless Pow'r defend?

P A R T V.

- 31, 33 'Tis God that girds my Armour on,
 and all my just Designs fulfils;
 Thro' him, my Feet can swiftly run,
 and nimbly climb the steepest Hills.
- 34 Lessons of War from him I take,
 and manly Weapons learn to wield;
 Strong Bows of Steel with ease to break,
 forc'd by my stronger Arms to yield.
- 35 The Buckler of his saving Health
 protects me from assaulting Foes;
 His Hand sustains me still, my Wealth
 and Greatness from his Bounty flows.
- 36 My Goings he enlarg'd abroad,
 till then to narrow Paths confin'd;
 And, when in slipp'ry Ways I trod,
 the Method of my Steps design'd.
- 37 Thro' him I num'rous Hosts defeat,
 and flying Squadrons captive take;
 Nor from my fierce Pursuit retreat,
 till I a final Conquest make.
- 38 Cover'd with Wounds, in vain they try,
 their vanquish'd Heads again to rear;
 Spite of their boasted Strength they lie
 beneath my Feet, and grovel there.
- 39 God, when fresh Armies take the Field,
 recruits my Strength, my Courage warms;
 He makes my strong Opposers yield,
 subdu'd by my prevailing Arms.

- 40 Through him the Necks of prostrate Foes
my conqu'ring Feet in Triumph press ;
Aided by him, I root out those
who hate and envy my Success.
- 41 With loud Complaints all Friends they try'd,
but none was able to defend ;
At length to God for Help they cry'd,
but God would no Assistance lend.
- 42 Like flying Dust which Winds pursue,
their broken Troops I scatter'd round ;
Their slaughter'd Bodies forth I threw,
like loathsome Dirt that clogs the Ground.

P A R T VI.

- 43 Our factious Tribes, at Strife till now,
by God's Appointment me obey ;
The Heathen to my Scepter bow,
and foreign Nations own my Sway.
- 44 Remotest Realms their Homage send,
when my successful Name they hear ;
Strangers for my Commands attend,
charm'd with Respect, or aw'd by Fear.
- 45 All to my Summons tamely yield,
or soon in Battle are dismay'd ;
For stronger Holds they quit the Field,
and still in strongest Holds afraid.
- 46 Let the eternal Lord be prais'd,
the Rock on whose Defence I rest !
O'er highest Heav'ns his Name be rais'd,
who me with his Salvation bless'd !
- 47 'Tis God that still supports my Right,
his just Revenge my Foes pursues ;
'Tis he that with resistless Might,
fierce Nations to my Yoke subdues.
- 48 My universal Safeguard, he !
from whom my lasting Honours flow ;
He made me great, and set me free,
from my remorseless bloody Foe.
- 49 Therefore to celebrate his Fame,
my grateful Voice to Heav'n I'll raise ;
And Nations, Strangers to his Name,
shall thus be taught to sing his Praise ;
- 50 " God to his King Deliv'rance sends,
" shews his Anointed signal Grace ;

“ His Mercy ever more extends
 “ To David and his promis'd Race.

Pfalm xix.

- 1 **T**HE Heav'ns declare thy Glory, Lord,
 which that alone can fill;
 The Firmament and Stars express
 their great Creator's Skill.
- 2 The dawn of each returning Day,
 fresh Beams of Knowledge brings;
 From darkest Night's successive Rounds
 divine Instruction springs.
- 3 Their pow'rful Language to no Realm
 or Region is confin'd:
 'Tis Nature's Voice, and understood
 alike by all Mankind.
- 4 Their Doctrine does its sacred Sense
 thro' Earth's Extent display:
 Whose bright Contents the circling Sun
 does round the World convey.
- 5 No Bridegroom, for his Nuptials drest,
 has such a chearful Face;
 No Giant does like him rejoice,
 to run his glorious Race.
- 6 From East to West, from West to East,
 his restless Course he goes:
 And, thro' his Progress, chearful Light
 and vital Warmth bestows.

P A R T II.

- 7 God's perfect Law converts the Soul,
 reclaims from false Desires;
 With sacred Wisdom his sure Word
 the Ignorant inspires.
- 8 The Statutes of the Lord are just,
 and bring sincere Delight:
 His pure Commands in Search of Truth,
 assist the feeblest Sight.
- 9 His perfect Worship here is fix'd,
 on sure Foundations laid:
 His equal Laws are in the Scales
 of Truth and Justice weigh'd.
- 10 Of more Esteem than golden Mines,
 or Gold refin'd, with Skill;
 More sweet than Honey, or the Drops
 that from the Comb distill.

- 11 My trusty Counsellors they are,
and friendly Warnings give;
Divine rewards attend on those
who by thy Precepts live.
- 12 But what frail Man observes, how oft
he does from Virtue fall?
O cleanse me from my secret Faults,
Thou God that knows them all.
- 13 Let no presumptuous Sin, O Lord,
Dominion have o'er me;
That, by thy Grace preserv'd, I may
the great Transgression flee.
- 14 So shall my Pray'r and Praises be
with thy Acceptance blest;
And I secure, on thy Defence,
my Strength and Saviour, rest.

Psalm xx.

- 1 **T**HE Lord to thy Request attend,
and hear thee in Distress:
The Name of Jacob's God defend,
and grant thy Arms Success.
- 2 To aid thee from on high repair,
and Strength from Sion give;
- 3 Remember all thy Off'rings there,
thy Sacrifice receive.
- 4 To compass thy own Heart's Desire
thy Counsels still direct;
Make kindly all Events conspire
to bring them to effect.
- 5 To thy Salvation, Lord, for Aid
we chearfully repair,
With Banners in thy Name display'd,
“ the Lord accept thy Pray'r.
- 6 Our Hopes are fix'd, that now the Lord
our Sov'reign will defend,
From Heav'n resistless Aid afford,
and to his Pray'r attend.
- 7 Some trust in Steeds for War design'd,
on Chariots some rely;
Against them all we'll call to mind
the Pow'r of God most high.
- 8 But from their Steeds and Chariots thrown
behold them thro' the Plain,

- Disorder'd, broke and trampled down,
 whilst firm our Troops remain.
 9 Still save us, Lord, and still proceed
 our rightful Cause to bless ;
 Hear, King of Heav'n, in Times of Need,
 the Pray'rs that we address.

Psalm xxi.

- 1 **T**HE King, O Lord, with Songs of Praise
 shall in thy Strength rejoice ;
 With thy Salvation crown'd shall raise
 to Heav'n his chearful Voice.
 2 For thou, whate'er his Lips request,
 not only didst impart ;
 But hast with thy Acceptance blest
 the Wishes of his Heart.
 3 Thy Goodness and thy tender Care
 have all his Hopes out-gone :
 A Crown of Gold thou mad'st him wear,
 and set'st it firmly on.
 4 He pray'd for Life, and thou, O Lord,
 didst his short Span extend ;
 And graciously to him afford
 a Life that ne'er shall end.
 5 Thy sure Defence thro' Nations round
 has spread his glorious Name ;
 And his successful Actions crown'd
 with Majesty and Fame.
 6 Eternal Blessings thou bestow'st,
 and make'st his Joys increase ;
 Whilst thou to him unclouded show'st
 the Brightness of thy Face.

P A R T II.

- 7 Because the King on God alone
 for timely Aid relies ;
 His Mercy still supports his Throne,
 and all his Wants supplies.
 8 But righteous Lord, thy stubborn Foes
 shall feel thy heavy Hand ;
 Thy vengeful Arm shall find out those
 that hate thy mild Command.
 9 When thou against them dost engage,
 thy just but dreadful Doom,
 Shall, like a glowing Oven's Rage,
 their Hopes and them consume.

- 10 Nor shall thy furious Anger cease,
or with their Ruin end ;
But root out all their guilty Race,
and to their Seed extend.
- 11 For all their Thoughts were set on Ill,
their Hearts on Malice bent ;
(But thou with watchful Care didst still
the ill Effects prevent.)
- 12 In vain by shameful Flight they'll try
to 'scape thy dreadful Might ;
While thy swift Darts shall faster fly,
and gall them in their Flight.
- 13 Thus, Lord, thy wond'rous Strength dis-
and thus exalt thy Fame ; (close,
Whilst we glad Songs of Praise compose
to thy Almighty Name.

Psalm xxii.

- 1 MY God, my God, why leav'st thou me
when I with Anguish faint?
O why so far from me remov'd,
and from my loud Complaint?
- 2 All Day, but all the Day unheard,
to thee do I complain :
With Cries implore Relief all Night,
but Cry all Night in vain.
- 3 Yet thou art still the righteous Judge
of Innocence oppress'd ;
And therefore Isr'el's Praises are
of Right to the address'd.
- 4, 5 On thee our Ancestor's rely'd,
and thy Deliv'rance found ;
With pious Confidence they pray'd,
and with Success were crown'd.
- 6 But I am treated like a Worm,
like none of human Birth :
Not only by the Great revil'd,
but made the Rabble's Mirth :
- 7 With Laughter all the gazing Crowd
my Agonies survey,
They shoot the Lip, they shake the Head,
and thus deriding say ;

- 8 " In God he trusted, boasting oft
 " that he was Heav'n's Delight ;
 " Let God come down to save him now,
 " and own his Favourite."

P A R T II.

- 9 Thou mad'st my teeming Mother's Womb
 a living Offspring bear ;
 When but a Suckling at the Breast,
 I was thy early Care, (Wrongs
 10 Thou, Guardian-like, didst shield from
 my helpless Infant Days ;
 And since has been my God and Guide,
 thro' Life's bewilder'd Ways.
- 11 Withdraw not then so far from me,
 when trouble is so nigh :
 O send me Help ! thy Help, on which
 I only can rely.
- 12 High pamper'd Bulls, a frowning Herd,
 from Basen's Forest met :
 With Strength proportion'd to their Rage,
 have me around beset.
- 13 They gape on me and every Mouth
 a yawning Grave appears ;
 The Desert Lion's savage Roar
 less dreadful is than theirs.

P A R T III.

- 14 My Blood like Water's spill'd, my Joints
 are rack'd and out of Frame ;
 My Heart dissolves within my Breast,
 like Wax before the Flame,
- 15 My Strength like Potter's Earth is parch'd,
 My Tongue cleaves to my Jaws ;
 And to the silent Shades of Death
 My fainting Soul withdraws.
- 16 Like Blood-hounds, to surround me, they
 in packt Assemblies meet ;
 They pierc'd my inoffensive Hands,
 they pierc'd my harmless Feet.
- 17 My Body's rack'd till all my Bones
 distinctly may be told :
 Yet such a Spectacle of Woe,
 as Pastime they behold.

- 18 As Spoil my Garments they divide,
Lots for my Vesture cast:
- 19 Therefore approach, O Lord, my Strength,
and to my Succour haste.
- 20 From their sharp Swords protect thou me,
(of all but Life bereft !)
Nor let thy Darling in the Pow'r
of cruel Dogs be left.
- 21 To save me from the Lion's Jaws,
thy present Succour send ;
As once, from goring Unicorns,
thou didst my Life defend ;
- 22 Then to my Brethren I'll declare
the Triumphs of thy Name,
In Presence of assembled Saints,
thy Glory thus proclaim.
- 23 " Ye Worshipers of Jacob's God,
" all you of Isr'el's Line,
" O praise the Lord, and to your Praise
" sincere Obedience join.
- 24 " He ne'er disdain'd on low Distress
" to cast a gracious Eye ;
" Nor turn'd from Poverty his Face,
" but hears its humble Cry."

P A R T IV.

- 25 Thus in thy sacred Courts will I
my chearful Thanks express,
In Presence of thy Saints perform
the Vows of my Distress.
- 26 The meek Companions of my Grief
shall find my Table spread,
And all that seek the Lord shall be
with Joys immortal fed.
- 27 Then shall the glad converted World
to God their Homage pay ;
And scatter'd Nations of the Earth
one sov'reign Lord obey.
- 28 'Tis his supreme Prerogative
o'er Subject Kings to reign :
'Tis just that he should rule the World,
who does the World sustain.
- 29 The Rich, who are with Plenty fed,
his Bounty must confess ;

35 P S A L M XXIII, XXIV.

The Sons of Want, by him reliev'd,
their gen'rous Patron bless.

With humble Worship to his Throne
they all for Aid resort ;

That Pow'r which first their Beings gave,
can only them support.

30, 31 Then shall a chosen spotless Race
devoted to his Name ;

To their admiring Heirs his Truth
and glorious Acts proclaim.

Pfalm xxiii.

1 THE Lord himself, the mighty Lord,
vouchsafes to be my Guide ;

The Shepherd by whose constant Care
my Wants are all supply'd.

2 In tender Grass he makes me Feed,
and gently there repose ;

Then leads me to cool Shades, and where
refreshing Water flows.

3 He does my wand'ring Soul reclaim,
and to his endless Praise,

Instruct with humble Zeal to walk
in his most righteous Ways.

4 I pass the gloomy Vale of Death
from Fear and Danger free :

For there his aiding Rod and Staff
defend and comfort me.

5 In Presence of my spiteful Foes
he does my Table spread.

He crowns my Cup with chearful Wine,
with Oil anoints my Head.

6 Since God does thus his wond'rous Love
through all my Life extend,

That Life to him I will devote,
and in his Temple spend.

Pfalm xxiv.

1 THIS spacious Earth is all the Lord's,
the Lord's her Fulness is ;

The World, and they that dwell therein,
by sov'reign Right are his.

2 He fram'd and fix'd it on the Seas,
and his Almighty Hand,

Upon

Upon inconstant Floods has made
the Stable Fabrick stand.

- 3 But for himself this Lord of all,
one chosen Seat design'd :
O ! who shall to that sacred Hill
deserv'd Admittance find ?
- 4 The Man whose Hands and Heart are pure,
whose Thoughts from Pride are free ;
Who honest Poverty prefers
to gainful Perjury.
- 5 This, this is he, on whom the Lord
shall show'r his Blessings down,
Whom God his Saviour shall vouchsafe
with Righteousness to crown.
- 6 Such is the Race of Saints, by whom
the sacred Courts are trod ;
And such the Profelytes that seek
the Face of Jacob's God.
- 7 Erect your Heads, eternal Gates,
unfold, to entertain
The King of Glory : see, he comes
with his celestial Train.
- 8 Who is the King of Glory ? who ?
the Lord for Strength renown'd,
In Battle mighty, o'er his Foes
eternal Victor crown'd.
- 9 Erect your Heads, ye Gates, unfold
in State to entertain
The King of Glory : see, he comes
with all his shining Train.
- 10 Who is the King of Glory ? who ?
the Lord of Hosts renown'd :
Of Glory he alone is King,
who is with Glory crown'd.

Psalm xxv.

- 1, 2 **T**O God, in whom I trust,
I lift my Heart and Voice ;
O let me not be put to Shame,
nor let my Foes rejoice.
- 3 Those who on thee rely
let no Disgrace attend ;
Be that the shameful Lot of such
as wilfully offend,

- 4, 5 To me thy Truth impart,
and lead me in thy Way;
For thou art he that brings me Help,
on thee I wait all Day.
- 6 Thy Mercies and thy Love,
O Lord recal to mind;
And graciously continue still,
as thou wert ever kind.
- 7 Let all my youthful Crimes
be blotted out by thee:
And for thy wond'rous Goodness sake,
in Mercy think on me.
- 8 His Mercy and his Truth
the righteous Lord displays,
In bringing wand'ring Sinners Home,
and teaching them his Ways.
- 9 He those in Justice guides
who his Direction seek;
And in his sacred Paths shall lead
the Humble and the Meek.
- 10 Thro' all the Ways of God
both Truth and Mercy shine,
To such as with religious Hearts
to his blest Will incline.

P A R T II.

- 11 Since Mercy is the Grace
that most exalts thy Fame,
Forgive my hainous Sin, O Lord,
and so advance thy Name.
- 12 Whoe'r with humble Fear
to God his Duty pays,
Shall find the Lord a faithful Guide
in all his righteous Ways.
- 13 His quiet Soul with Peace
shall be for ever blest,
And by his num'rous Race the Land
successively possess'd.
- 14 For God to all his Saints
his secret Will imparts,
And does his gracious Cov'nant write
in their obedient Hearts.
- 15 To him I lift my Eyes,
and wait his timely Aid,

- Who breaks the strong and treach'rous
which for my Feet was laid, (Snare.
- 16 O turn, and all my Griefs
in Mercy, Lord, redress;
For I am compass'd round with Woes,
and plung'd in deep Distress.
- 17 The Sorrows of my Heart
to mighty Sum's increase:
O from this dark and dismal State
my troubled Soul release!
- 18 Do thou with tender Eyes
my sad Afflictions see;
Acquit me, Lord, and from my Guilt
intirely set me free.
- 19 Consider, Lord, my Foes,
how vast their Numbers grow!
What lawless Force and Rage they use,
what boundless hate they show!
- 20 Protect and set my Soul
from their fierce Malice free;
Nor let me be asham'd, who place
my steadfast Trust in thee.
- 21 Let all my righteous Acts
to full Perfection rise,
Because my firm and constant Hope
on thee alone relies.
- 22 To Isr'el's chosen Race
continue ever kind:
And in the midst of all their Wants
let them thy Succour find.

Pfalm. xxvi.

- 1 JUDGE me, O Lord, for I the Paths
of Righteousness have trod;
I cannot fail, who all my Trust
repose on thee, my God.
- 2, 3 Search, prove my Heart, whose Innocence
will shine the more 'tis try'd;
For I have kept thy Grace in view
and made thy Truth my Guide.
- 4 I never for Companions took
the Idle or Prophane:
No Hypocrite, with all his Arts,
could e'er my Friendship gain.

- 5 I hate the busy plotting Crew,
 who make distracted Times;
 And shun their wicked Company,
 as I avoid their Crimes.
- 6 I'll wash my Hands in Innocence,
 and bring a Heart so pure;
 That when thy Altar I approach,
 my welcome shall secure.
- 7, 8 My Thanks I'll publish there, and tell
 how thy Renown excels:
 That Seat affords me most Delight,
 in which thy Honour dwells.
- 9 Pass not on me the Sinners Doom,
 who Murder make their Trade;
- 10 Who others Rights by secret Bribes,
 on open Force invade.
- 11 But I will walk in Paths of Truth,
 and Innocence pursue:
 Protect me therefore, and to me
 thy Mercies, Lord, renew.
- 12 In spite of all assaulting Foes
 I still maintain my Ground:
 And shall survive amongst thy Saints,
 thy Praises to resound,

Psalm xxvii.

- 1 **W**HOM should I fear since God to me
 is saving Health and Light?
 Since strongly he my Life supports,
 what can my Soul affright?
- 2 With fierce Intent my Flesh to tear,
 when Foes beset me round,
 They stumbled, and their lofty Crests
 were made to strike the Ground.
- 3 Through him my Heart, undaunted, dares
 with num'rous Hosts to cope:
 Through him in doubtful Straits of War,
 for good Success I hope.
- 4 Henceforth within his House to dwell
 I earnestly desire,
 His wond'rous Beauty there to view,
 and his blest Will enquire,

- 5 For there may I with comfort rest,
in Times of deep Distress,
And safe as on a Rock abide,
in that secure Recess ;
- 6 Whilst God o'er all my haughty Foes
my lofty Head shall raise,
And I my joyful Off'ring bring,
and sing glad Songs of Praise.

P A R T II.

- 7 Continue, Lord, to hear my Voice,
whene'er to thee I cry ;
In Mercy all my Pray'rs receive,
nor my Request deny ;
- 8 When us to seek thy glorious Face
thou kindly dost advise ;
“ Thy glorious Face I'll always seek,”
my grateful Heart replies.
- 9 Then hide not thou thy Face, O Lord,
nor me in Wrath reject ;
My God and Saviour, leave not him
thou didst so oft protect.
- 10 Tho' all my Friends and nearest Kin
their helpless Charge forsake,
Yet thou whose Love excels them all,
wilt Care and Pity take.
- 11 Instruct me in thy Paths, O Lord,
my Ways directly Guide,
Lest envious Men, who watch my Steps,
should see me tread aside.
- 12 Lord, disappoint my cruel Foes,
defeat their ill Desire,
Whose lying Lips and bloody Hands
against my Peace conspire.
- 13 I trusted that my future Life
should with thy love be crown'd,
Or else my fainting Soul had sunk
with Sorrow compass'd-round.
- 14 God's Time with patient Faith expect,
and he'll inspire thy Breast
With inward Strength ; do thou thy Part,
and leave to him the rest.

Pſalm xxviii.

- 1 **O** Lord, my Rock, to thee I cry,
in Sighs conſume my Breath;
O answer, or I ſhall become
like thoſe that ſleep in Death.
- 2 Regard my Supplication, Lord,
the Cries that I repeat,
With weeping Eyes and liſted Hands
before thy Mercy Seat.
- 3 Let me eſcape the Sinners Doom,
who make a Trade of Ill,
And ever ſpeak the Perſon fair,
whoſe Blood they mean to ſpill.
- 4 According to their Crimes extent,
let Juſtice have its Courſe;
Relentleſs be to them, as they
have ſinn'd without Remorſe.
- 5 Since they the Works of God deſpiſe,
nor will his Grace adore,
His Wrath ſhall utterly deſtroy,
and build them up no more.
- 6 But I, with due Acknowledgment,
his Praiſes will reſound,
From whom the Cries of my Diſtreſs
a gracious Answer found.
- 7 My Heart its Confidence repos'd,
in God, my Strength and Shield;
In him I truſted, and return'd
triumphant from the Field.
As he has made my Joys complete,
'tis Juſt that I ſhould raiſe
The chearful Tribute of my Thanks,
and thus reſound his Praise:
- 8 " His aiding Pow'r ſupports the Troops
" that my juſt Cauſe maintain:
" 'Twas he advanc'd me to the Throne,
" 'tis he ſecures my Reign.
- 9 Preſerve thy Chosen, and proceed
thine Heritage to bleſs;
With Plenty proſper them in Peace;
in Battle with Succeſs.

Psalm xxix.

- 1 **Y**E Princes that in Might excell,
 your grateful Sacrifice prepare;
 God's glorious Actions loudly tell,
 his wond'rous Pow'r to all declare,
- 2 To his great Name fresh Altars raise,
 devoutly due respect afford;
 Him in his holy Temple Praise,
 where's he's with Solemn State ador'd.
- 3 'Tis he that with amazing Noise
 the watry Clouds in sunder breaks;
 The Ocean trembles at his Voice,
 when he from Heav'n in Thunder speaks.
- 4, 5 How full of Pow'r his Voice appears!
 with what majestic Terror crown'd!
 Which from their Roots tall Cedars tears,
 and strews their scatter'd Branches round!
- 6 They, and the Hills on which they grow,
 are sometimes hurried far away;
 And leap, like Hinds that bounding go,
 or Unicorns in youthful Play.
- 7, 8 When God in Thunder loudly speaks,
 and scatter'd Flames of Lightning sends,
 The Forest nods, the Desert quakes,
 and stubborn Kadesh lowly bends.
- 9 He makes the Hinds to cast their Young,
 and lays the Beasts dark Coverts bare;
 While those that to his Courts belong,
 securely sing his Praises there.
- 10, 11 God rules the angry Floods on high;
 his boundless Sway shall never cease;
 His People he'll with Strength supply,
 and bless his own with constant Peace,

Psalm xxx.

- 1 **I**'LL celebrate thy Praises, Lord,
 who did'st thy Pow'r employ
 To raise my drooping Head, and check
 my Foes insulting Joy.
- 2, 3 In my Distress I cry'd to thee,
 who kindly didst relieve,
 And from the Grave's expecting Jaws
 my hopeless Life retrieve.

- 4 Thus to his Courts ye Saints of his
with Songs of Praise repair ;
With me commemorate his Truth,
and providential Care.
- 5 His Wrath has but a Moment's Reign,
his Favour no decay ;
Your Night of Grief is recompens'd
with Joys returning Day.
- 6 But I in prosp'rous Days presum'd ;
no sudden Change I fear'd,
Whilst in my Sun-shine of Success
no low'ring Cloud appear'd.
- 7 But soon I found thy Favour, Lord,
my Empire's only Trust ;
For when thou hid'st thy Face, I saw
my Honour laid in Dust.
- 8 Then, as I vainly had presum'd,
my Error I confess'd,
And thus, with supplicating Voice,
thy Mercy's Throne address'd :
- 9 " What Profit is there in my Blood,
" conjeal'd by Death's cold Night ?
" Can silent Ashes speak thy Praise,
" thy wond'rous Truth recite ?
- 10 " Hear me, O Lord, in Mercy hear,
" thy wonted Aid extend ;
" Do thou send Help, on whom alone
" I can for Help depend."
- 11 'Tis done ! thou hast my mournful Scene
to Songs and Dances turn'd ;
Invested me in Robes of State,
who late in Sackcloth mourn'd.
- 12 Exalted thus, I'll gladly sing
thy Praise in greatful Verse ;
And as thy Favours endless are,
they endless Praise rehearse.

Psalm xxxi.

- 1 **D**E F E N D me, Lord, from Shame,
for still I trust in thee ;
As Just and Righteous is thy Name,
from Danger set me free.
- 2 Bow down thy gracious Ear,
and speedy succour send ;

- Do thou my stedfast Rock appear,
to shelter and defend.
- 3 Since thou, when Foes oppress,
my Rock and Fortrefs art,
To guide me forth from this Distress,
thy wonted Help impart.
- 4 Release me from the Snare
which they have closely laid,
Since I, O God my Strength, repair
to thee alone for Aid.
- 5 To thee, the God of Truth,
my Life, and all that's Mine,
(For thou preserv'dst me from my Youth)
I willingly resign.
- 6 All vain Designs I hate,
of those that trust in Lyes;
And still my Soul in ev'ry State,
to God for Succour flies.

P A R T II.

- 7 Those Mercies thou hast shown
I'll chearfully express;
For thou hast seen my Straits, and known
my Soul in deep Distress.
- 8 When Keilah's treach'rous Race
did all my Strength enclose,
Thou gav'st my Feet a larger Space
to shun my watchful Foes.
- 9 Thy Mercy, Lord, display,
and hear my just Complaint;
For both my Soul and Flesh decay,
with Grief and Hunger faint.
- 10 Sad Thoughts my Life oppress,
my Years are spent in Groans;
My Sins have made my Strength decrease,
and ev'n consum'd my Bones.
- 11 My Foes my Suff'rings mock'd,
my Neighbours did upbraid;
My Friends at Sight of me were shock'd,
and fled as Men dismay'd.
- 12 Forfok by all am I,
as dead, and out of mind;
And like a shatter'd Vessel lie,
whose Parts can ne'er be join'd.

- 13 Yet stand'rous Words they speak,
and seem my Pow'r to dread,
Whilst they together Counsel take,
my guiltless Blood to shed.
- 14 But still my steadfast Trust,
I on thy Help repose ;
That thou, my God, art good and just,
My Soul with Comfort knows.

P A R T III.

- 15 Whate'er Events betide,
thy Wisdom times them all ;
Then, Lord, thy Servant safely hide
from those that seek his Fall.
- 16 The Brightness of thy Face
to me, O Lord, disclose ;
And, as thy Mercies still increase,
preserve me from my Foes.
- 17 Me from Dishonour save,
who still have call'd on thee ;
Let that, and Silence in the Grave,
the Sinner's Portion be.
- 18 Do thou their Tongue restrain,
whose Breath in Lyes is spent ;
Who false Reports, with proud Disdain,
against the Righteous vent.
- 19 How great thy Mercies are
to such as fear thy Name !
Which thou, for those that trust thy Care,
do'st to the World proclaim.
- 20 Thou keep'st them in thy sight,
from proud Oppressors free :
From Tongues that do in Strife delight
they are preserv'd by thee.
- 21 With Glory and Renown
God's Name be ever bless'd ;
Whose Love in Keilah's well-fenc'd Town
was wond'rously express'd !
- 22 I said, in hasty Flight,
“ I'm banish'd from thine Eyes ; ”
Yet still thou kept'st me in thy Sight,
and heard'st my earnest Cries.
- 23 O all ye Saints, the Lord
with eager Love pursue,

Who to the Just will Help afford,
and give the Proud their due.

- 24 Ye that on God rely,
courageously proceed :
For he will still your Hearts supply
with strength in Time of Need.

Psalm xxxii.

- 1 **H**E's blest, whose Sins have Pardon gain'd
no more in Judgment to appear ;
- 2 Whose Guilt Remission has obtain'd,
and whose Repentance is sincere.
- 3 While I conceal'd the fretting Sore,
my Bones consum'd without Relief :
All Day did I with Anguish roar,
but no Complaint asswag'd my Grief.
- 4 Heavy on me thy Hand remain'd,
by Day and Night alike distress'd :
Till quite of vital Moisture drain'd,
like Land with Summers Drought oppress'd.
- 5 No sooner I my Wound disclos'd,
the Guilt that tortur'd me within,
But thy Forgiveness interpos'd,
and Mercy's healing Balm pour'd in.
- 6 True Penitents shall thus succeed,
who seek thee whilst thou may'st be found ;
And from the common Deluge freed,
shall see remorseless Sinner's drown'd.
- 7 Thy Favour, Lord, in all Distress,
my Tow'r of Refuge I must own ;
Thou shalt my haughty Foes suppress,
and me with Songs of Triumph crown.
- 8 In my Instruction then confide,
you that wou'd Truth's safe Paths descry,
Your Progress I'll securely guide,
and keep you in my watchful Eye.
- 9 Submit yourselves to Wisdom's Rules,
like Men that Reason have attain'd ;
Not like th' ungovern'd Horse and Mule,
whose Fury must be curb'd and reign'd.
- 10 Sorrows on Sorrows multiply'd,
the harden'd Sinners shall confound ;
But them who in his Truth confide
Blessings of Mercy shall surround.

- 11 His Saints that have perform'd his Laws,
 their Life in Triumphs shall employ ;
 Let them (as they alone have Cause)
 in grateful Raptures shout for Joy.

Pfalm xxxiii.

- 1 **L**ET all the Just to God with Joy
 their chearful Voices raise,
 For well the Righteous it becomes
 to sing glad Songs of Praise.
- 2, 3 Let Harps, and Psalteries, and Lutes
 injoyful Confort meet,
 And new made Songs of loud Applause
 the Harmony complete.
- 4, 5 For faithful is the Word of God,
 his Works with Truth abound ;
 He Justice loves, and all the Earth
 is with his Goodness crown'd.
- 6 By his Almighty Word at first
 Heav'n's glorious Arch was rear'd ;
 And all the beauteous Host of Light
 at his Command appear'd.
- 7 The swelling Floods, together rool,
 he makes in Heaps to lie ;
 And lays, as in a Storehouse safe,
 the wat'ry Treasures by.
- 8, 9 Let Earth and all that dwell therein
 before him Trembling stand :
 For when he spake the Word, 'twas made,
 'twas fix'd at his command.
- 10 He when the Heathen's closely plot,
 their Counsels undermines ;
 His Wisdom ineffectual makes
 the People's rash Designs.
- 11 Whate'er the mighty Lord decrees
 shall stand for ever sure ;
 The settled Purpose of his Heart
 to Ages shall endure.

P A R T II.

- 12 How happy then are they to whom
 the Lord for God is known !
 Whom he from all the World besides
 has chosen for his own !

P S A L M XXXV.

- 13, 14, 15 He all the Nations or the Earth
from Heav'n his Throne survey'd ;
He saw their Works, and view'd their
(Thoughts,
by him their Hearts were made.
- 16, 17 No King is safe by num'rous Hosts,
their Strength the Strong deceives ;
No manag'd Horfe, by Force or Speed,
His warlike Rider saves :
- 18, 19 'Tis God, who those that trust in him,
behold with gracious Eyes ;
He frees their Soul from Death, their Want
in Time of Dearth supplies.
- 20, 21 Our Soul on God with Patience waits,
our Help and Shield is he !
Then, Lord, let still our Hearts rejoice,
because we trust in thee.
- 22 The Riches of thy Mercy, Lord,
do thou to us extend ;
Since we for all we want or wish,
on thee alone depend.

Pfalm xxxiv.

- 1 **T**HRO' all the changing Scenes of Life,
in Trouble and in Joy,
The Praises of my God shall still
my Heart and Tongue employ.
- 2 Of his Deliv'rance I will boast,
till all that are distrest,
From my Example Comfort take,
and charm their Grievs to rest.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his Name :
- 4 When in Distress to him I call'd,
he to my Rescue came.
- 5 Their drooping Hearts were soon refresh'd,
who look'd to him for Aid ;
Desir'd Success in ev'ry Face
a chearful Air display'd.
- 6 " Behold (say they) behold the Man
" whom Providence reliev'd :
" So dangerously with Woes beset,
" so wond'rously retriev'd."
- 7 The Hosts of God encamp around
the Dwellings of the Just ;

he affords to all
his Succour trust.

- 8 O make but Trial of his Love,
Experience will decide
How bless'd they are, and only they,
who in his Truth confide.
- 9 Fear him, ye Saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear ;
Make you his Service your Delight,
he'll make your Wants his Care.
- 10 While hungry Lions lack their Prey,
the Lord will Food provide
For such as put their Trust in him,
and see their Need supply'd

P A R T II.

- 11 Approach, ye piously dispos'd,
and my Instruction hear,
I'll teach you the true Discipline
of his religious Fear.
- 12 Let him who length of Life desires,
and prosp'rous Days would see,
- 13 From sland'ring Language keep his Tongue,
his Lips from Falshood free.
- 14 The crooked Paths of Vice decline,
and Virtue's Ways pursue ;
Establish Peace where 'tis begun,
and where 'tis lost renew.
- 15 The Lord from Heav'n beholds the Just,
with favourable Eyes ;
And when distress'd, his gracious Ear
is open to their cries :
- 16 But turns his wrathful Look on those
whom Mercy can't reclaim,
To cut them off, and from the Earth
blot out their hated Name.
- 17 Deliv'rance to his Saints he gives,
when his Relief they crave :
- 18 He's nigh to heal the broken Heart,
and contrite Spirit save.
- 19 The wicked oft, but still in vain,
against the Just conspire ;
- 20 For under their Affliction's Weight
he keeps their Bones entire.

- 21 The wicked from their wicked Arts
their Ruin shall derive ;
Whilst righteous Men, whom they detest,
shall them and theirs survive.
- 22 For God preserves the Souls of those
who on his Truth depend,
To them and their Posterity
his Blessings shall descend.

Psalm xxxv.

- 1 **A**gainst all those that strive with me,
O Lord, assert my Right :
With such as War unjustly wage
do thou my Battles Fight.
- 2 Thy Buckler take, and bind thy Shield
upon thy warlike Arm ;
Stand up, my God, in my Defence,
and keep me safe from Harm.
- 3 Bring forth thy Spear, and stop their Course
that haste my Blood to spill :
Say to my Soul " I am thy Health,
" and will preserve thee still."
- 4 Let them with shame be cover'd o'er,
who my Destruction sought :
And such as did my Harm devise
be to Confusion brought.
- 5 Then shall they fly, dispers'd like Chaff
before the driving Wind :
God's vengeful Minister of Wrath
shall follow close behind.
- 6 And when, thro' dark and slipp'ry Ways
they strive his Rage to shun,
His vengeful Ministers of Wrath
shall goad them as they run.
- 7 Since unprovok'd by any Wrong,
they hid their treach'rous Snare ;
And for my harmless Soul a Pit
did without Cause prepare.
- 8 Surpris'd by Mischiefs unforeseen,
by their own Arts betray'd ;
Their Feet shall fall into the Net,
which they for me had laid.
- 9 Whilst my glad Soul shall God's great Name
for this Deliv'rance bless ;

And by his saving Health secur'd,
its grateful Joy exprefs.

- 10 My very Bones shall say, O Lord,
who can compare with thee,
Who sett'st the poor and helpless Man
from strong Oppressors free?

P A R T II.

- 11 False Witnesſes with forg'd Complaints
againſt my Truth combin'd;
And to my Charge ſuch Things they laid
as I had ne'er deſign'd.
- 12 The Good which I to them had done,
with Evil they repaid;
And, did by Malice undeſerv'd,
my harmleſs Life invade
- 13 But as for me, when they were ſick,
I ſtill in Sackcloth mourn'd:
I pray'd, and faſted, and my Pray'r
to my own Breſt return'd.
- 14 Had they my Friends or Brethren been,
I could have done no more;
Nor with more decent Signs of Grief,
a Mother's loſs deplore.
- 15 How diff'rent did their Carriage prove,
in Times of my Diſtreſs?
When they, in Crouds together met,
did Savage Joy expreſs.
The Rabble too in num'rous Throngs,
by their Example came;
And ceas'd not, with reviling Words,
to wound my ſpotleſs Fame.
- 16 Scoffers that noble Tables haunt,
and earn their Bread with Lyes,
Did gnash their Teeth, and ſland'rous Jeſts
maliciouſly deviſe.
- 17 But, Lord, how long wilt thou look on?
on my Behalf appear;
And ſave my guiltleſs Soul, which they,
like rav'ning Beaſts would tear.

P A R T III.

- 18 So I before the liſt'ning World,
ſhall grateful Thanks expreſs;

And

- And where the great Assembly meets,
thy Name with Praises blest,
19 Lord, suffer not my causeless Foes,
who me unjustly hate,
With open Joy and secret Signs,
to mock my sad Estate.
- 20 For they with Hearts averse from Peace,
industriously devise,
Against the Men of quiet Minds
to forge malicious Lyes.
- 21 Nor with these private Arts content,
aloud they vent their Spite ;
And say " At last we found him out,
" he did it in our Sight."
- 22 But thou, who dost both them and me,
with righteous Eyes survey,
Assert my Innocence, O Lord,
and keep not far away.
- 23 Stir up thyself in my Behalf,
to Judgment, Lord, awake ;
Thy righteous Servant's Cause, O God,
to thy Decision take.
- 24 Lord, as my Heart has upright been,
let me thy Justice find ;
Nor let my cruel Foes obtain
the Triumph they design'd
- 25 O let them not amongst themselves
in boasting Language say,
" At length our Wishes are complete,
" at last he's made our Prey."
- 26 Let such as in my Harm rejoic'd,
for Shame their Faces hide ;
And foul Dishonour wait on those
that proudly me defy'd :
- 27 Whilst they with chearful Voices shout,
who my just Cause befriend :
And bless the Lord, who loves to make
Success his Saints attend.
- 28 So shall my Tongue thy Judgments sing,
inspir'd with grateful Joy :
And chearful Hymns in Praise of thee,
shall all my Days employ,

Psalm xxxvi.

- 1 MY crafty Foe, with flatt'ring Art,
his wicked Purpose would disguise;
But Reason whispers to my Heart,
no fear of God's before his Eyes
- 2 He sooths himself, retir'd from Sight,
secure he thinks his treacherous Game;
Till his dark Plots expos'd to Light,
their false Contriver brand with Shame.
- 3 In Deeds he is my Foe confess'd,
whilst with his Tongue he speaks me fair;
True Wisdom's banish'd from his Breast,
and Vice has sole Dominion there.
- 4 His wakeful Malice spends the Night
in forging his accurst Designs,
His obstinate ungen'rous Spite,
no execrable Means declines.
- 5 But, Lord, thy Mercy, my sure Hope,
the highest Orb of Heav'n transcends,
Thy sacred Truth's unmeasur'd Scope
beyond the spreading Skies extends.
- 6 Thy Justice, like the Hills remains;
unfathom'd Depths thy Judgments are;
Thy Providence the World sustains,
the whole Creation is thy Care.
- 7 Since of thy Goodness all partake,
with what Assurance should the Just
Thy shelt'ring Wings their Refuge make,
and Saints to thy Protection trust?
- 8 Such Guests shall to thy Courts be led,
to Banquet on thy Love's Repast,
And drink, as from a Fountain's Head,
of Joys that shall for ever last.
- 9 With thee the Springs of Life remain,
thy Presence is eternal Day;
- 10 O let thy Saints thy Favour gain;
to upright Hearts thy Truth display.
- 11 Whilst Pride's insulting Foot would spurn,
and wicked Hand my Life surprize;
- 12 Their Mischiefs on themselves return;
down, down they're fall'n no more to rise,

Psalm xxxvii.

- 1 **T**HO' wicked Men grow rich or great,
Yet let not their successful State,
Thy Anger or thy Envy raise :
- 2 For they, cut down like tender Grass,
Or like young Flow'rs, away shall pass,
Whose blooming Beauty soon decays.
- 3 Depend on God, and him obey,
So thou within the Land shall stay,
Secure from Danger and from Want :
- 4 Make his Commands thy chief Delight,
And he, thy Duty to requite,
shall all thy earnest Wishes grant.
- 5 In all thy Ways trust thou the Lord, ;
And he will needful Help afford,
To perfect ev'ry just Design ;
- 6 He'll make, like Light, serene and clear,
Thy cloudy Innocence appear,
And as a mid-day Sun to shine.
- 7 With quiet Mind on God depend,
And patiently for him attend ;
Nor let thy Anger fondly rise,
Tho' wicked Men with Wealth abound,
And with Success the Plots are crown'd,
Which they maliciously devise.
- 8 From Anger cease, and Wrath forsake,
Let no ungovern'd Passion make
Thy wav'ring Heart espouse their Crime ;
- 9 For God shall sinful Men destroy,
Whilst only they the Land enjoy
Who trust on him, and wait his Time.
- 10 How soon shall wicked Men decay !
Their Place shall vanish quite away,
Nor by the strictest Search be found :
- 11 Whilst humble Souls possess the Earth,
Rejoicing still with godly Mirth,
With Peace and Plenty always crown'd.

P A R T I I.

- 12 While sinful Crowds with false Design,
Against the righteous Few combine, (stand,
And gnash their Teeth, and threat'ning

- 13 God shall their empty Plots deride,
 And laugh at their defeated Pride ;
 He sees their Ruin near at Hand.
 14 They draw the Sword, and bend the Bow,
 The Poor and Needy to o'erthrow,
 And Men of upright Lives to slay ;
 15 But their strong Bows shall soon be broke,
 Their sharpen'd Weapons mortal Stroke
 Thro' their own Hearts shall force its Way.
 16 A little with God's Favour blest,
 That's by one righteous Man possess'd,
 The Wealth of many bad excels :
 17 For God supports the just Man's Cause.
 But as for those that break his Laws,
 Their unsuccessful Pow'r he quells.
 18 His constant Care the upright guides,
 And over all their Life presides,
 Their Portion shall for ever last ;
 19 They, when Distress o'erwhelms the Earth,
 Shall be unmov'd, and ev'n in Dearth
 The happy Fruits of Plenty taste.
 20 Not so the wicked Men, and those
 Who proudly dare God's Will oppose ;
 Destruction is their hapless Share :
 Like Fat of Lambs, their Hopes and they
 Shall in an Instant melt away,
 And vanish into Smoak and Air.

P A R T III.

- 21 While Sinners brought to sad Decay,
 Still borrow on, and never pay,
 The Just have Will and Pow'r to give ;
 22 For such as God vouchsafes to bless,
 Shall peaceably the Earth possess.
 And those he curses shall not live.
 23 The good Man's Way is God's Delight,
 He orders all the Steps aright,
 Of him that moves by his Command ;
 24 Tho' he sometimes may be distress'd,
 Yet shall he ne'er be quite oppress'd,
 For God upholds him with his Hand.
 25 From my first Youth till Age prevail'd,
 I never saw the Righteous fail'd,

Or,

- Or want o'ertake, his num'rous Race ;
 26 Because Compassion fill'd his Heart,
 And he did chearfully impart, (crease.
 God made his Offspring's Wealth in-
 27 With Caution shun each wicked Deed,
 In Virtue's Ways with Zeal proceed.
 And so prolong your happy Days :
 28 For God, who Judgment loves, does still
 Preserve his Saints secure from Ill,
 Whilesoon the wicked Race decays
 29, 30, 31 The Upright shall possess the Land,
 His Portion shall for Ages stand ;
 His Mouth with Wisdom is supply'd,
 His Tongue by Rules of Judgment moves,
 His Heart the Law of God approves,
 Therefore his Footsteps never Slide,

P A R T IV.

- 32 In wait the watchful Sinner lies,
 In vain the Righteous to surprize ;
 In vain his Ruin does decree ;
 33 God will not him defenceless leave,
 To his Revenge expos'd, but save,
 and when he's sentenc'd, set him free.
 34 Wait still on God, keep his Command,
 And thou exalted in the Land,
 Thy blest Possessions ne'er shall quit :
 The Wicked soon destroy'd shall be,
 And at his dismal Tragedy,
 thou shalt a safe Spectator sit.
 35 The wicked I in Pow'r have seen,
 And like a Bay-tree fresh and green,
 That spreads its pleasant Branches round ;
 36 But he was gone as swift as Thought,
 And tho' in ev'ry Place I sought,
 No Sign or Track of him I found.
 37 Observe the perfect Man with Care,
 And mark all such as upright are :
 Their roughest Days in Peace shall end :
 38 While on the latter end of those
 Who dare God's sacred Will oppose,
 A common Ruin shall attend.

- 39 God to the Just will Aid afford,
 Their only Safe-guard is the Lord,
 Their Strength in Time of Need is he ;
 40 Because on him they still depend,
 The Lord will timely Succour send,
 And from the Wicked set them free.

Psalm xxxviii.

- 1 **T**HY chaf't'ning Wrath, O Lord, restrain,
 Tho' I deserve it all ;
 Nor let at once on me the Storm
 of thy Displeasure fall.
 2 In ev'ry wretched Part of me
 thy Arrows deep remain ;
 Thy heavy Hand's Afflicting Weight
 I can no more sustain.
 3 My flesh is one continued Wound,
 thy Wrath so fiercely glows ;
 Betwixt my Punishment and Guilt
 my Bones have no repose.
 4 My Sins which to a Deluge swell,
 my sinking Head o'erflow,
 And for my feeble Strength to bear
 too vast a Burthen grow.
 5 Stench and Corruption fill my Wounds,
 my Folly's just Return,
 6 With Trouble I am wrap'd and bow'd,
 and all Day long I mourn.
 7 A loath'd Disease afflicts my Loins,
 infecting ev'ry Part :
 8 With Sicknefs worn, I groan and roar,
 thro' Anguish of my Heart.

P A R T II.

- 9 But, Lord, before thy searching Eyes]
 all my Desires appear :
 And sure my Groans have been too loud,
 not to have reach'd thine Ear.
 10 My Heart's oppress'd, my Strength decay'd,
 my Eyes depriv'd of Light :
 11 Friends, Lovers, Kinsmen gaze aloof
 on such a dismal Sight.
 12 Mean while the Foes that seek my Life,
 their Snarcs to take me set ;

- Vent Slanders, and contrive all Day
to forge some new Deceit.
- 13 But I, as if both deaf and dumb,
nor heard, nor once reply'd :
- 14 Quite deaf and dumb, like one whose Tongue
with conscious Guilt is ty'd.
- 15 For, Lord, to thee I do appeal,
my Innocence to clear ;
Assur'd that thou, the righteous God,
my injur'd Cause wilt hear.
- 16 " Hear me, said I, lest my proud Foes
" a spiteful Joy display,
" Insulting if they see my Foot
" but once to go astray."
- 17 And with continual Grief oppress'd,
to sink I now begin :
- 18 To thee, O Lord, I will confess,
to thee bewail my Sin.
- 19 But whilst I languish, my proud Foes
their Strength and Vigour boast ;
And they who hate me without Cause
are grown a dreadful Host.
- 20 Ev'n they, whom I oblig'd, return
my Kindness with Despite ;
And are my Enemies, because
I choose the Path that's right.
- 21 Forsake me not, O Lord, my God,
nor far from me depart ;
- 22 Make haste to my Relief, O thou,
who my Salvation art.

Psalm xxxix.

- 1 **R**esolv'd to watch o'er all my Ways,
I kept my Tongue in awe ;
I curb'd my hasty Words when I
the prosp'rous Wicked saw.
- 2 Like one that's dumb, I silent stood,
and did my Tongue restrain
From good Discourse ; but that Restraint
increas'd my inward Pain.
- 3 My Heart did glow, which working Thoughts
did hot and restless make,
- 4 And warm Reflections fann'd the Fire,
till thus at length I spake ;

- 4 Lord, let me know my Term of Days,
how soon my Life will end ;
The num'rous Train of Ills disclose
which this frail State attend.
- 5 My Life, thou know'st is but a Span,
a Cypher Sums my Years ;
And ev'ry Man in best Estate,
but Vanity appears.
- 6 Man like a Shadow vainly Walks,
with fruitless Cares oppress'd ;
He heaps up Wealth, but cannot tell
by whom 'twill be possess'd.
- 7 Why then should I on worthless Toys
with anxious Care attend ?
On thee alone, my steadfast Hope
shall ever, Lord, depend.
- 8, 9 Forgive my Sins, nor let me scorn'd
by foolish Sinners be ;
For I was dumb, and murmur'd not,
because 'twas done by thee.
- 10 The dreadful Burden of thy Wrath
in Mercy soon remove ;
Lest my frail Flesh too weak to bear,
the heavy Load should prove.
- 11 For when thou chast'nest Man for Sin,
thou mak'st his Beauty fade,
(So vain a Thing is he) like Cloth
by fretting Moths decay'd.
- 12 Lord, hear my Cry, accept my Tears,
and listen to my Pray'r ;
Who sojourn like a Stranger here,
as all my Fathers were
- 13 O spare me yet a little Time,
my wasted Strength restore ;
Before I vanish quite from hence,
and shall be seen no more.

Psalm xl.

- 1 I waited meekly for the Lord,
'till he vouchsaf'd a kind Reply ;
Who did his gracious Ear afford,
and heard from Heav'n my humble Cry.
- 2 He took me from the dismal Pit,
when founder'd deep in miry Clay ;

On solid Ground he plac'd my Feet
and suffer'd not my Steps to stray.

- 3 The Wonders he for me has wrought
shall fill my Mouth with Songs of Praise ;
And others, to his Worship brought,
to Hopes of like Deliv'rance raise.
- 4 For Blessings shall that Man reward
who on th' Almighty Lord relies ;
Who treats the Proud with Disregard,
and hates the Hypocrite's Disguise.
- 5 Who can the wond'rous Works recount,
which thou, O God, for us hast wrought ?
The Treasures of thy Love surmount
the Pow'r of Numbers, Speech and
(Thought,
- 6 I've learn'd that thou hast not desir'd
Off'rings and Sacrifice alone ;
Nor Blood of guiltless Beasts requir'd
for Man's Transgression to atone.
- 7 I therefore come --- come to fulfil
the Oracles thy Books impart :
- 8 'Tis my Delight to do thy Will ;
thy Law is written in my Heart,

P A R T II.

- 9 In full Assemblies I have told
thy Truth and Righteousness at large :
Nor did, thou know'st, my Lips with-hold
from utt'ring what thou gav'st in charge.
- 10 Nor kept within my Breast confin'd,
thy faithfulness and saving Grace ;
But preach'd thy Love for all design'd,
that all might that and Truth embrace.
- 11 Then let those Mercies I declar'd
to others, Lord, extend to me :
Thy Loving-Kindness my Reward,
thy Truth my safe Protection be.
- 12 For I with Troubles am Distrest,
too vast and numberless to bear ;
Nor less with Loads of Guilt oppress'd,
that plunge and sink me to Despair.
As soon, alas ! may I recount
the Hairs on this afflicted Head :
My vanquish'd Courage they surmount,
and fill my drooping Soul with Dread.

- 13 But Lord, to my Relief draw near,
for never was more pressing Need !
In my Deliv'rance, Lord, appear,
and add to that Deliv'rance Speed.
- 14 Confusion on their Heads return,
who to destroy my Soul combine ;
Let them defeated, blush and mourn,
ensnar'd in their own vile Design.
- 15 Their Doom let Desolation be,
with Shame their Malice be repaid,
Who mock'd my Confidence in thee,
and Sport of my Affliction made.
- 16 While those who humbly seek thy Face
to joyful Triumphs shall be rais'd ;
And all who prize thy saving Grace,
with me resound, The Lord be prais'd.
- 17 Thus, wretched tho' I am, and poor,
of me th' Almighty Lord takes care,
Thou, God, who only canst restore,
to my Relief with Speed repair.

Psalm xli.

- 1 **H**APPY the Man whose tender Care
relieves the Poor distressed :
When he's by Trouble compass'd round,
The Lord shall give him Rest.
- 2 The Lord his Life, with Blessings crown'd,
in Safety shall prolong ;
And disappoint the Will of those
that seek to do him Wrong.
- 3 If he in languishing Estate
oppress'd with Sicknes lie ;
The Lord will easy make his Bed,
and inward Strength supply.
- 4 Secure of this, to thee, my God,
I thus my Pray'r address'd ;
“ Lord, for thy Mercy, heal my Soul,
“ tho' I have much transgress'd ;
- 5 My cruel Foes, with slanderous Words,
attempt to wound my Fame ;
“ When shall he die (say they) and Men
“ forget his very Name ?”
- 6 Suppose they formal Visits make,
it's all but empty Show ;

They gather Mischiefs in their Hearts,
and vent it where they go.

- 7, 8 With private Whispers, such as these,
to hurt me they devise ;
“ A sore Disease afflicts him now,
“ he’s fall’n no more to rise.”
- 9 My own familiar Bosom Friend,
on whom I most rely’d,
Has me, whose daily Guest he was,
with open Scorn defy’d.
- 10 But thou, my sad and wretched State,
in Mercy, Lord, regard ;
And raise me up, that all their Crimes
may meet their just Reward.
- 11 By this, I know, thy gracious Ear
is open when I call ;
Because thou suffer’st not my Foes
to triumph in my Fall.
- 12 Thy tender Care secures my Life
from Danger and Disgrace ;
And thou vouchsaf’st to set me still
before thy glorious Face.
- 13 Let therefore Isr’el’s Lord and God
from Age to Age be bless’d ;
And all the People’s glad Applause
with loud Amens express’d.

Psalm xlii.

- 1 **A**S pants the Hart for cooling Streams
when heated in the Chace,
So longs my Soul, O God, for thee,
and thy refreshing Grace.
- 2 For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty Soul doth pine ;
O when shall I behold thy Face,
thou Majesty divine !
- 3 Tears are my constant Food, while thus
insulting Foes upbraid.
“ Deluded Wretch, where’s now thy God ?
“ and where his promis’d Aid ?”
- 4 I sigh when-e’er my musing Thoughts
those happy Days present,
When I with Troops of pious Friends
thy Temple did frequent.

When

- When I advanc'd with Songs of Praise
 my solemn Vows to pay,
 And led the joyful sacred Throng
 that kept the Festal Day.
- 5 Why restless, why cast down, my Soul?
 trust God, and he'll employ
 His Aid for thee; and change these Sighs
 to thankful Hymns of Joy.
- 6 My Soul's cast down, O God, but thinks
 on thee and Sion still;
 From Jordan's Bank, from Herman's Heights
 and Misfar's humbler Hill.
- 7 One Trouble calls another on,
 and bursting o'er my Head,
 Fall spouting down, till round my Soul
 a roaring Sea is spread.
- 8 But when thy Presence, Lord of Life,
 has once dispell'd this Storm,
 To thee I'll midnight Anthems sing,
 and all my Vows perform.
- 9 God of my Strength, how long shall I
 like one forgotten, mourn?
 Forlorn, forsaken, and expos'd
 to my Oppressor's Scorn.
- 10 My Heart is pierc'd, as with a Sword,
 whilst thus my Foes upbraid,
 "Vain Boaster where is now thy God?
 "and where his promis'd Aid?
- 11 Why restless, why cast down my Soul?
 hope still, and thou shalt sing
 The Praise of him who is thy God,
 thy Health's eternal Spring.

Psalm xliii.

- 1 JUST Judge of Heav'n, against my Foes
 do thou assert my injur'd Right:
 O set me free, my God, from those
 that in Deceit and Wrong delight.
- 2 Since thou art still my only Stay,
 why leav'st thou me in deep Distress.
 Why go I mourning all the Day,
 whilst me insulting Foes oppress!
- 3 Let me with Light and Truth be blest,
 be these my Guides, and lead the Way;

- Till on thy holy Hill I rest,
 and in thy sacred Temple pray.
 4 Then will I there fresh Altars raise
 to God who is my only Joy ;
 And well-tun'd Harps with Songs of Praise
 shall all my greatful Hours employ.
 5 Why then cast down, my Soul, and why
 so much oppress'd with anxious Care ?
 On God, thy God, for Aid rely,
 who will thy ruin'd State repair.

Psalm xliv.

- 1 O Lord, our Fathers oft have told
 in our attentive Ears,
 Thy Wonders in their Days perform'd,
 and elder Times than theirs :
 2 How thou, to plant them here, didst drive
 the Heathen from this Land ;
 Dispeopled by repeated Strokes
 of thy avenging Hand.
 3 For, not their Courage, nor their Sword
 to them Possession gave ;
 Nor Strength that from unequal Force
 their fainting Troops could save :
 But thy Right-hand and pow'rful Arm
 whose Succour they implor'd,
 Thy Presence with the chosen Race,
 who thy great Name ador'd.
 4 As thee their God our Father's own'd,
 thou art our Sov'reign King ;
 O therefore, as thou didst to them,
 to us Deliv'rance bring.
 5 Thro' thy victorious Name our Arms
 the proudest Foes shall quell,
 And crush 'em with repeated Strokes
 as oft as they rebel.
 6 I'll neither trust my Bow nor Sword,
 when I in Fight engage ;
 7 But thee, who hast our Foes subdu'd,
 and sham'd their spiteful Rage.
 8 To thee the Triumph we ascribe,
 from whom the Conquest came ;
 In God we will rejoice all Day,
 and ever bless his Name,

P A R T II.

- 9 But thou hast cast us off, and now
most shamefully we yield ;
For thou no more vouchsaf'st to lead
our Armies to the Field.
- 10 Since when, to ev'ry upstart Foe
we turn our Backs in Fight ;
And with our Spoil their Malice feast
who bear us ancient Spite.
- 11 To Slaughter doom'd, we fall like Sheep,
into their butch'ring Hand :
Or (what's more wretched yet) survive
disperst thro' Heathen Lands.
- 12 Thy People thou hast sold for Slaves,
and set their Price so low,
That not thy Treasure by the Sale,
but their Disgrace might grow.
- 13, 14 Reproach'd by all the Nations round,
the Heathen's By-word grown,
Whose Scorn of us is both in Speech
and mocking Gestures shown.
- 15 Confusion strikes me blind, my Face
in conscious Shame I hide,
- 16 While we are scoff'd, and God blasphem'd
by their licentious Pride.

P A R T III.

- 17 On us this Heap of Woes is fall'n,
all this we have endur'd ;
Yet have not, Lord, renounc'd thy Name
or Faith to thee abjur'd.
- 18 But in thy righteous Paths have kept
our Heart and Steps with Care ;
- 19 Tho' thou hast broken all our Strength,
and we almost despair.
- 20 Could we, forgetting thy great Name,
on other Gods rely,
- 21 And not the Searcher of all Hearts
the treach'rous Crime descry :
- 22 Thou see'st what Suff'rings for thy Sake,
we ev'ry Day sustain ;
All slaughter'd, or reserv'd like Sheep
appointed to be slain.
- 23 Awake, arise ; let seeming Sleep
no longer thee detain ;

Nor let us, Lord, who sue to thee,
for ever sue in vain.

- 24 O wherefore hidest thou thy Face,
from our afflicted State ?
25 Whose Souls and Bodies sink to Earth,
with Grief's oppressive Weight.
26 Arise, O Lord, and timely haste
to our Deliv'rance make ;
Redeem us, Lord, ---- if not for ours,
yet for thy Mercy's sake.

Pfalm xlv.

- 1 **W**HILE I the King's loud Praise rehearse,
Indited by my Heart;
My Tongue is like the Pen of him
that writes with ready Art.
2 How matchless is thy Form, O King ?
thy Mouth with Grace o'erflows :
Because fresh Blessings God on thee
eternally bestows.
3 Gird on thy Sword, most mighty Prince,
and clad in rich Array,
With glorious Ornaments of Pow'r
majestic Pomp display.
4 Ride on in State, and still protect
the Meek, the Just and True ;
Whilst thy Right-hand with swift Revenge
does all thy Foes pursue.
5 How sharp thy Weapons are to them
that dare thy Pow'r oppose !
Down, down they fall, while thro' their
the feather'd Arrow goes (Heart
6 But thy firm Throne, O God, is fix'd
for ever to endure ;
Thy Scepters Sway shall always last,
by righteous Laws secure.
7 Because thy Heart, by Justice led,
did upright Ways approve,
And hated still the crooked Paths
where wand'ring Sinners rove.
Therefore did God, thy God, on thee
the Oil of Gladness shed ;
And has above thy Fellows round
advanc'd thy lofty Head.

- 8 With Cassia, Aloes and Myrrh,
thy Royal Robes abound ;
Which from the stately Wardrobe brought
spread greatful Odours round.
- 9 Among the honourable Train,
did princely Virgins wait :
The Queen was plac'd at thy Right-hand,
in Golden Robes of State.

P A R T II.

- 10 But thou, O Royal Bride, give ear,
and to my Words attend ;
Forget thy Native Country now,
and ev'ry former Friend.
- 11 So shall thy Beauty charm the King,
nor shall his Love decay ;
For he is now become thy Lord,
to him due Rev'rence pay.
- 12 The Tyrian Matrons rich and proud
shall humble Presents make ;
And all the wealthy Nations sue
thy Favour to partake.
- 13 The King's fair Daughter's beantious Soul
all inward Graces fill :
Her Raiment is of purest Gold,
adorn'd with costly Skill.
- 14 She, in her Nuptial Garment dress'd,
with Needles richly wrought,
Attended by her Virgin Train,
shall to the King be brought.
- 15 With all the State of Solemn Joy
the Triumph moves along,
Till with wide Gates the Royal Court
receives the pompous Throng.
- 16 Thou, in thy Royal Father's Room,
must princely Sons expect ;
Whom thou to diff'rent Realms may'st send
to govern and protect.
- 17 Whilst this my Song to future Times
transmits thy glorious Name ;
And makes the World, with one Consent,
thy lasting Praise proclaim.

Psalm xlvii.

- 1 **G**OD is our Refuge in Distress,
A present Help when Dangers press;
to him undaunted we'll confide:
- 2, 3 Tho' Earth were from her Center tost,
And Mountains in the Ocean lost,
Torn piece-meal by the roaring Tide.
- 4 A gentler Stream with Gladness still
The City of our Lord shall fill,
The Royal Seat of God most high:
- 5 God dwells in Sion, whose fair Towers
Shall mock th' Assaults of earthly Pow'rs,
While his Almighty Aid is nigh.
- 6 In Tumults when the Heathen rag'd,
And Kingdoms War against us wag'd,
He thunder'd and dispers'd their Pow'rs:
- 7 The Lord of Hosts conduct our Arms,
Our Tow'r of Refuge in Alarms,
Our Fathers Guardian-God and ours.
- 8 Come see the Wonders he hath wrought,
On Earth what Desolation brought;
- 9 How he has calm'd the jarring World:
He broke the Warlike Spear and Bow;
With them the thund'ring Chariots too
Into devou'ring Flames were hurl'd.
- 10 Submit to God's Almighty Sway,
For him the Heathen shall obey,
And Earth her Sov'reign Lord confess.
- 11 The God of Hosts conduct our Arms,
Our Tow'r of Refuge in Alarms,
As to our Fathers in Distress.

Psalm xlvii.

- 1, 2 **O** ALL ye People, clap your Hands,
and with triumphant Voices sing;
No Force the mighty Pow'r withstands
of God the universal King.
- 3, 4 He shall opposing Nations quell,
and with Success our Battles fight;
Shall fix the Place where we must dwell,
the Pride of Jacob, his Delight.
- 5, 6 God is gone up, our Lord and King,
with Shouts of Joy and Trumpets Sound;
To him repeated Praises sing,
and let the chearful Song go round.

7, 8 Your

- 7, 8 Your utmost Skill in Praise be shewn,
for him who all the World commands,
Who sits upon his righteous Throne,
and Spreads his Sway o'er Heathen Lands.
- 9 Our Chiefs and Tribes, that far from hence
t'adore the God of Ab'ram came,
Found him their constant sure Defence,
How great and glorious is his Name!

Pfalm xlvi.

- 1 **T**HE Lord, the only God, is great
and greatly to be prais'd;
In Sion on whose happy Mount
His sacred Throne is rais'd.
- 2 Her Tow'rs, the Joy of all the Earth,
with beauteous Prospect rise:
On her North-side the Almighty King's
Imperial City lies.
- 3 God in her Palaces is known,
his Presence is her Guard.
- 4 Confed'rate Kings withdrew their Siege,
and of Success despair'd.
- 5 They view'd their Walls, admir'd and fled,
with Grief and Terror struck.
- 6 Like Women whom the sudden Pangs
of Travail had o'ertook,
- 7 No wretched Crew of Mariners
appear like them forlorn,
When Fleets from Tarshish wealthy Coasts,
by Eastern Winds are torn.
- 8 In Sion we have seen perform'd
a Work that was foretold,
In Pledge that God, for Times to come,
his City will uphold.
- 9 Not in our Fortresses and Walls,
did we, O God, confide.
But on the Temple fix'd our Hopes
in which thou dost reside.
- 10 According to thy Sov'reign Name,
thy Praise thro' Earth extends;
Thy pow'rful Arm, as Justice guides,
chastises or defends.
- 11 Let Sion's Mount with Joy resound,
her Daughters all be taught,

- In Songs his Judgment to extol,
 who this Deliverance wrought,
 12 Compass her Walls in solemn Pomp,
 your Eyes quite round her cast ;
 Count all her Tow'rs, and see if there
 you find one Stone displac'd.
 13 Her Forts and Palaces survey,
 observe their Order well ;
 That with Assurance, to your Heirs,
 this Wonder you may tell.
 14 This God is ours, and will be ours,
 whilst we in him confide ;
 Who as he has preserv'd us now,
 'till Death will be our Guide.

Psalm xlix.

- 1, 2 **L**ET all the list'ning World attend,
 and my Instructions hear ;
 Let High and Low, and Rich and Poor,
 with joint Consent give Ear.
 3 My Mouth with sacred Wisdom fill'd,
 shall good Advice impart,
 The sound Result of prudent Thoughts,
 digested in my Heart.
 4 To Parables of weighty Sense,
 I will my Ear incline ;
 Whilst to my tuneful Harp I sing
 dark Words of deep Design.
 5 Why should my Courage fail in Times
 of Danger and of Doubt ?
 When Sinners that would me supplant,
 have compass'd me about ?
 6 Those Men that all their Hope and Trust]
 in Heaps of Treasure place,
 And boast and Triumph when they see
 their ill got Wealth increase.
 7 Are yet unable from the Grave
 their dearest Friend to free ;
 Nor can by Force of costly Bribes
 reverse God's firm Decree.
 8, 9 Their vain Endeavours they must quit,
 the Price is held too high ;
 No Sum can purchase such a Grant,
 that Man should never die

- 10 Not Wisdom can the Wise exempt,
Nor Fools their Folly save;
But both must perish, and in Death
their Wealth to others leave.
- 11 For tho' they think their stately Seat,
shall ne'er to Ruin fall;
But their Remembrance last, in Lands
which by their Names they call;
- 12 Yet shall their Name be soon forgot,
how great foe'er their State;
With Beasts their Memory and they
shall share one common Fate.

P A R T II.

- 13 How great their Folly is, who thus
absurd Conclusions make!
And yet their Children unreclaim'd,
repeat the gross Mistake.
- 14 They all, like Sheep to Slaughter led,
the Prey of Death are made;
Their Beauty, while the Just rejoice,
within the Grave shall fade.
- 15 But God will yet redeem my Soul,
and from the greedy Grave
His greater Pow'r shall set me free,
and to himself receive.
- 16 Then fear not thou, when worldly Men
in envy'd Wealth abound,
Nor tho' their prosp'rous House increase,
with State and Honour Crown'd.
- 17 For when they're summon'd hence by
they leave all this behind; (Death,
No Shadow of their former Pomp
within the Grave they find:
- 18 And yet they thought their State was blest,
caught in the Flatt'rer's Snare,
Who praises those that slight all else,
and of themselves take care.
- 19 In their Forefather's Steps they tread;
and when, like them, they die,
Their wretched Ancestors and they
in endless Darkness lie.
- 20 For Man how great foe'er his State,
unless he's truly wise,

As, like a sensual Beast he lives,
so, like a Beast, he dies.

Psalm I.

- 1, 2 **T**H E Lord hath spoke, the mighty God
Hath sent his Summons all abroad,
From dawning Light, till Day declines ;
The list'ning Earth his Voice hath heard,
And he from Sion hath appear'd,
Where Beauty in Perfection shines.
- 3, 4 Our God shall come, and keep no more,
Misconstru'd Silence as before ;
But wasting Flames before him send ;
Around shall Tempests fiercely rage,
While he does Heav'n and Earth engage
His just Tribunal to attend.
- 5, 6 Assemble all my Saints to me,
(Thus runs the great Divine Decree)
That in my lasting Cov'nant live ;
And Off'rings bring with constant Care ;
(The Heav'n his Justice shall declare,
For God himself shall Sentence give.
- Attend, my People Iſr'el, hear ;
Thy strong Accuſer I'll appear ;
Thy God, thy only God am I ;
'Tis not of Off'rings I complain,
Which, daily in my Temple ſlain,
My ſacred Altar did ſupply.
- Will this alone Atonement make ?
No Bullock from my Stall I'll take,
Nor He-Goat from thy Fold accept ;
The Foreſt Beaſts that range alone,
The Cattle too are all my own,
That on a thouſand Hills are kept.
- I know the Fowls that build their Neſts
In craggy Rocks ; and ſavage Beaſts,
That looſely haunt the open Fields :
If ſeiz'd with Hunger I could be,
I need not ſeek Relief from thee,
Since the World's mine, and all it yields.
- Think'ſt thou that I have any need
On ſlaughter'd Bulls, and Goats to Feed,
To eat their Fleſh, and drink their Blood ?

- 14 The Sacrifices I require
 Are Hearts which Love and Zeal inspire,
 And Vows with strictest Care made good.
- 15 In time of Trouble call on me,
 And I will set thee safe and free ;
 And thou Returns of Praise shalt make :
- 16 But to the Wicked thus saith God,
 How dar' st thou teach my Laws abroad,
 Or in thy Mouth my Cov'nant take ?
- 17 For stubborn thou, confirm'd in Sin,
 Hast Proof against Instruction been,
 And of my Word didst lightly speak :
- 18 When thou a subtle Thief did see,
 Thou gladly didst with him agree,
 And with Adult'ers didst partake.
- 19 Vile Slander is thy chief Delight,
 Thy Tongue, by envymov'd, and Spite,
 Deceitful Tales doth hourly spread ;
- 20 Thou dost with hateful Scandals wound
 Thy Brother, and with Lyes confound
 The Offspring of thy Mother's Bed :
- 21 These Things didst thou, whom still I strove
 To gain with Silence and with Love ;
 Till thou didst wickedly surmise,
 That I was such a one as thou ;
 But I'll reprove and shame thee now,
 And set thy Sins before thine Eyes.
- 22 Mark this, ye wicked Fools, lest I
 Let all my Bolts of Vengeance fly,
 Whilst none shall dare your Cause to own :
- 23 Who Praises me due Honour gives ;
 And to the Man that justly lives
 My strong Salvation shall be shown.

Psalm li.

- 1 **H**A V E Mercy, Lord on me,
 as thou wert ever kind ;
 Let me oppress'd with Loads of Guilt,
 thy wonted Mercy find.
- 2 3 Wash off my foul Offence,
 and cleanse me from my Sin ;
 For I confess my Crime, and see
 how great my Guilt has been.
- 4 Against thee, Lord, alone,
 And only in thy Sight,

- Have I transgress'd, and tho' condemn'd,
must own thy Judgments right,
5 In Guilt each Part was form'd
of all this sinful Frame;
In Guilt I was conceiv'd, and born
the Heir of Sin and Shame.
- 6 Yet thou, whose searching Eye
doth inward Truth require,
In Secret didst with Wisdom's Laws,
my tender Soul inspire.
- 7 With Hyssop purge me, Lord,
and so I clean shall be:
I shall with Snow in Whiteness vie,
when purify'd by thee.
- 8 Make me to hear with Joy,
thy kind forgiving Voice;
That so the Bones which thou hast broke,
may with fresh Strength rejoice.
- 9, 10 Blot out my crying Sins,
nor me in Anger view;
Create in me a Heart that's clean
an upright Mind renew.

P A R T II.

- 11 Withdraw not thou thy Help,
nor cast me from thy Sight;
Nor let thy holy Spirit take
its everlasting flight.
- 12 The Joy thy Favours give
let me again obtain;
And thy free Spirit's firm Support
my fainting Soul sustain.
- 13 So I thy righteous Ways
to Sinners will Impart,
Whilst my Advice shall wicked men
to thy just Laws convert.
- 14 My Guilt of Blood remove,
my Saviour and my God;
And my glad Tongue shall loudly tell
thy righteous Acts abroad.
- 15 Do thou unlock my Lips,
with Sorrow clos'd and Shame;
So shall my Mouth thy wond'rous Praise
to all the World proclaim.

- 16 Could Sacrifice atone,
 whole Flocks and herds should die;
 But on such Off'rings thou disdain'st
 To cast a gracious Eye.
- 17 A broken Spirit is
 by God most highly priz'd ;
 By him a broken contrite Heart
 shall never be despis'd.
- 18 Let Sion Favour find,
 of thy Good-will assur'd ;
 And thy own City flourish long,
 by lofty Wall's secur'd.
- 19 The Just shall then attend,
 and pleasing Tribute pay :
 And Sacrifice of choicest Kind
 upon thy Altar lay.

Psalm lii.

- 1 I N vain, O Man of lawless Might,
 thou boast'st thyself in Ill :
 Since God, the God in whom I trust,
 vouchsafes his Favour still.
- 2 Thy wicked Tongue doth slanderous Tales
 maliciously devise :
 And sharper than a Razor set,
 it wounds with treach'rous Lyes.
- 3, 4 Thy Thoughts are more on Ill than Good,
 on Lyes than Truth employ'd ;
 Thy Tongue delights in Words, by which
 the Guiltless are destroy'd.
- 5 God shall for ever blast thy Hopes,
 and snatch thee soon away :
 Nor in thy Dwelling-place permit,
 nor in the World to stay.
- 6 The Just, with pious Fear, shall see
 the Downfall of thy Pride ;
 And at thy sudden Ruin laugh,
 and thus thy Fall deride :
- 7 " See there the Man that haughty was,
 " who proudly God defy'd,
 " Who trusted in his Wealth, and still
 " on wicked Arts rely'd."
- 8 But I am like those Olive-Plants,
 that shade God's Temple round ;
 And hope with his indulgent Grace
 to be for ever crown'd.

- 9 So shall my Soul, with Praise, O God,
extol thy wond'rous Love ;
And on thy Name with Patience wait ;
for this thy Saints approve.

Pfalm liii.

- 1 **T**H E wicked Fools must sure suppose
that God is but a Name :
This gross Mistake their Practice shows
since Virtue all disclaim. (Tow'r
2 The Lord look'd down from Heav'ns high
the Sons of Men to view ;
To see if any own'd his Pow'r,
or Truth or Justice knew.
- 3 But all he saw, were backwards gone,
degen'rate grown, and base ;
None for Religion car'd, not one
of all the sinful Race.
- 4 But are those workers of Deceit
so dull and senseless grown,
That they, like Bread, my People eat,
and God's just Pow'r disown ?
- 5 Their causeless Fears shall strangely grow :
and they, despis'd of God,
Shall soon be foil'd ; his Hand shall throw
their shatter'd Bones abroad.
- 6 Would he his saving Pow'r employ,
to break our servile Band,
Loud shouts of universal Joy
should eccho thro' the Land.

Pfalm liv.

- 1, 2 **L**ORD, save me, for thy glorious Name,
and in thy Strength appear,
To judge my Cause ; accept my Pray'r,
and to my Words give Ear.
Mere Strangers, whom I never wrong'd,
to ruin me design'd ;
And cruel Men that fear no God,
against my Soul combin'd.
- 3 But God takes Part with all my Friends,
and he's the surest Guard ;
The God of Truth shall give my Foes
their Falshood's just Reward :

- 6 While I my greatful Off'rings bring
and Sacrifice with Joy :
And in his Praise my Time to come
delightfully employ.
- 7 From dreadful Danger and Distress
the Lord hath set me free ;
Thro' him shall I of all my Foes
the just Destruction see.

Psalm lv.

- 1 **G**IVE ear, thou Judge of all the Earth,
and listen when I pray ;
Nor from thy humble Suppliant turn
thy glorious Face away.
- 2 Attend to this my sad Complaint,
and hear my grievous Moans :
Whilst I my mournful Case declare
With artless Sighs and Groans.
- 3 Hark ! how the Foe insults aloud,
how fierce Oppressors rage ! (Hate
Whose slanderous Tongues with wrathful
against my Fame engage.
- 4, 5 My Heart is rack'd with Pain, my Soul
with deadly Frights distressed ;
With Fear and Trembling compass'd round
with Horror quite oppress'd.
- 6 How often wish'd I then, that I
the Dove's swift Wings could get ;
That I might take my speedy Flight,
And seek a safe retreat !
- 7, 8 Then would I wander far from hence,
and in wild Deserts stray,
Till all this furious Storm were spent,
this Tempest past away.

P A R T II.

- 9 Destroy, O Lord, their ill Designs,
their Counsels soon divide :
For through the City my griev'd Eyes
have Strife and Rapine 'spy'd.
- 10 By Day and Night on ev'ry Wall
they walk'd their constant Round ;
And in the midst of all her Strength,
are Grief and Mischief found.
Whoe'er thro' ev'ry Part shall roam,
will fresh Disorders meet ; Deceit

- Deceit and Guile their constant Posts
maintain in ev'ry Street.
- 12 For 'twas not any open Foe
that false Reflections made ;
For then I could with Ease have borne
the bitter Things he said :
- 'Twas none who hatred had profess'd,
that did against me rise ;
For then I had withdrawn myself
from his malicious Eyes. (Friend,
- 13, 14 But 'twas e'en thou, my Guide, my
whom tend'rest Love did join ;
Whose sweet Advice I valu'd most,
whose Pray'rs were mix'd with mine.
- 15 Sure, Vengeance equal to their Crimes,
such Traitors must surprise :
And sudden Death requite those Ills,
they wickedly devise !
- 16, 17 But I will call on God, who still
shall in my Aid appear ;
At Morn, at Noon, at Night I'll pray,
and he my Voice shall hear.

P A R T III.

- 18 God has releas'd my Soul from those
that did with me contend ;
And made a num'rous Host of Friends
my righteous Cause defend.
- 19 For he who was my Help of old,
shall now his Suppliant hear ;
And punish them whose prosp'rous State
makes them no God to fear.
- 20 Whom can I trust, if faithless Men
perfidiously devise
To ruin me, their peaceful Friend,
and break the strongest Ties ?
- 21 Tho' soft and melting are their Words,
their Hearts with War abound ;
Their Speeches are more smooth than Oil,
and yet like Swords they wound.
- 22 Do thou, my Soul, on God depend,
and he shall thee sustain ;
He aids the Just, whom to supplant
the wicked strive in vain.

- 23 My Foes, that trade in Lyes and Blood,
shall all untimely die ;
Whilst I for Health and Length of Days
on thee, my God, rely.

Pfalm lvi.

- 1 **D**O thou, O God, in Mercy help,
for Man my Life pursues ;
To crush me with repeated Wrongs,
he daily Strife renews.
- 2 Continually my spiteful Foes
to ruin me combine ;
Thou see'st, who sit'st enthron'd on high,
what mighty Numbers join.
- 3 But tho' sometimes surpriz'd by Fear,
(on Dangers first Alarm)
Yet still for Succour I depend
on thy almighty Arm.
- 4 God's faithful Promise I shall praise,
on which I now rely :
In God I trust, and trusting him,
the Arm of Flesh defy.
- 5 They wrest my words, and make'em speak
a Sense they never meant :
Their Thoughts are all with restless Spite,
on my Destruction bent.
- 6 In close Assemblies they combine,
and wicked Projects lay :
They watch my Steps, and lie in wait,
to make my Soul their Prey.
- 7 Shall such Injustice still escape ?
O righteous God, arise ;
Let thy just Wrath (too long provok'd)
this impious Race chastise.
- 8 Thou numberest all my wand'ring Steps,
since first compell'd to flee :
My very Tears are treasur'd up,
and register'd by thee.
- 9 When therefore I invoke thy Aid,
my Foes shall be o'erthrown ;
For I am well assur'd that God
my righteous Cause will own.
- 10, 11 I'll trust God's Word, and so despise
the Force that man can raise :

- 12 To thee, O God, my Vows are due,
to thee I'll render Praise :
- 13 Thou hast retriev'd my Soul from Death,
and thou wilt still secure
The Life thou hast so oft preserv'd,
and make my Footsteps sure,
That thus protected by thy Pow'r,
I may this Light enjoy,
And in the Service of my God
my length'n'd Days employ.

Psalm lvii.

- 1 **T**H Y Mercy, Lord, to me extend,
On thy Protection I depend ;
And to thy Wings for Shelter haste,
'Till this outrageous Storm is past.
- 2 To thy Tribunal, Lord, I fly,
Thou sov'reign Judge and God most high ;
Who Wonders hast for me begun,
And wilt not leave thy Work undone.
- 3 From Heav'n protect me by thine Arm,
And shame all those who seek my Harm ;
To my Relief thy Mercy send,
And Truth, on which my Hopes depend.
- 4 For I with savage Men converse,
Like hungry Lions wild and fierce, (Words
With Men whose Teeth are Spears, their
Invenom'd Darts, and two-edg'd Swords.
- 5 Be thou, O God, exalted high ;
And, as thy Glory fills the Sky,
So let it be on Earth display'd,
'Till thou art here, as there, obey'd,
- 6 To take me they their Net prepar'd,
And had almost my Soul ensnar'd.
But sell themselves by just Decree,
Into the Pit they made for me.
- 7 O God, my Heart is fix'd, 'tis bent
Its thankful Tribute to present ;
And with my Heart, my Voice I'll raise
To thee my God, in Songs of Praise.
- 8 Awake my Glory ; Harp and Lute,
No longer let your Strings be mute ;
And I, my tuneful Part to take,
Will with the early Dawn awake.

- 9 Thy Praises, Lord, I will resound
To all the list'ning Nations round :
10 Thy Mercy highest Heav'n transcends,
Thy Truth beyond the Clouds extends.
11 Be thou, O God, exalted high ;
And as thy Glory fills the Sky,
So let it be on Earth display'd,
Till thou art here, as there obey'd.

Psalm lviii.

- 1 **S**PEAK, O ye Judges of the Earth,
if just your Sentence be,
Or, must not Innocence appeal
to Heav'n from your Decree ?
2 Your wicked Hearts and Judgments are
alike by Malice sway'd :
Your griping Hands, by weighty Bribes
to Violence betray'd.
3 To Virtue Strangers from the Womb,
their Infant-steps went wrong ;
They prattled Slander, and in Lyes
employ'd their lisping Tongue.
4 No Serpent of parch'd Afric's Breed
does ranker Poison bear ;
The drowsy Adder will as soon
unlock his fullen Ear.
5 Unmov'd by good Advice, and deaf
as Adders they remain ;
From whom the skilful Charmer's Voice
can no Attention gain.
6 Defeat, O God, their threat'ning Rage,
and timely break their Pow'r :
Disarm these growing Lion's Jaws,
e'er practis'd to devour.
7 Let now their Insolence, at Height,
like ebbing Tides be spent ;
Their shiver'd Darts deceive their Aim,
when they their Bow have bent.
8 Like Snail's let them dissolve to Slime :
like hasty Births become,
Unworthy to behold the Sun,
and dead within the Womb.
9 E'er Thorns can make the Flesh-pots boil
tempestuous Wrath shall come

From

From God, and snatch 'em hence alive,
to their eternal Doom.

- 10 The Righteous shall rejoice to see
their Crimes such Vengeance meet,
And Saints in Persecutors Blood,
shall dip their harmless Feet.
- 11 Transgressors then with Grief shall see
just Men Rewards obtain ;
And own a God, whose Justice will
the guilty Earth arraign.

Psalm lix.

- 1 **D**ELIVER me, O Lord my God,
from all my spiteful Foes ;
In my Defence oppose thy Pow'r
to theirs who me oppose.
- 2 Preserve me from a wicked Race,
who make a Trade of Ill ;
Protect me from remorseless Men,
who seek my Blood to spill.
- 3 They lie in wait, and mighty Pow'rs
against my Life combine :
Implacable ; yet, Lord, thou know'st
for no Offence of mine.
- 4 In haste they run about, and watch
my guiltless Life to take :
Look down, O Lord, on my Distress,
and to my Help awake !
- 5 Thou, Lord of Hosts, and Isr'el's God,
their heathen Rage suppress :
Relentless Vengeance take on those
who stubbornly transgress.
- 6 At Ev'ning to beset my House
like growling Dogs they meet ;
While others thro' the City range,
and ransack ev'ry Street.
- 7 Their Throats envenom'd Slander breathe,
their Tongues are sharpen'd Swords ;
Who hears, (say they) or hearing dares
reprove our lawless Words ?
- 8 But from thy Throne thou shalt, O Lord,
their baffled Plots deride ;
And soon to Scorn and Shame expose
their boasted Heathen Pride.

9 On thee I wait, 'tis on thy Strength
for Succour I depend :

'Tis thou, O God, art my Defence,
who only canst defend.

10 Thy Mercy, Lord, which has so oft
from Danger set me free,

Shall crown my Wishes, and subdue
My haughty Foes to me.

11 Destroy 'em not, O Lord, at once,
restrain thy vengeful Blow,

Lest we, ingratefully, too soon
forget their Overthrow.

Disperse 'em thro' the Nations round
by thy avenging Pow'r,

Do thou bring down their haughty Pride,
O Lord, our Shield and Tow'r.

12 Now in the Height of all their Hopes,
their Arrogance chastise;

Whose Tongues have sinn'd without Re-
and Curfes join'd with Lyes.

13 Nor shalt thou, whilst their Race endures,
thine Anger, Lord, suppress,

That distant Lands, by their just Doom
may Isr'el's God confess.

14 At Ev'ning let them still persist
like growling Dogs to meet,

Still wander all the City round,
and Traverse every Street.

15 Then, as for Malice now they do,
for Hunger let them stray,

And yell their vain Complaints aloud,
defeated of their Prey.

16 Whilst early I thy Mercy sing,
thy wond'rous Pow'r confess;

For thou hast been my sure Defence,
my Refuge in Distress.

17 To thee with never-ceasing Praise,
O God, my Strength, I'll sing;

Thou art my God, the Rock from whence
my Health and Safety spring.

Psalms lx.

2 O GOD, who hast our Troops disperst,
Forsaking those who left thee first,

As we thy just Displeasure mourn,
Tous in Mercy, Lord, return.

2 Our Strength, that firm as Earth did stand,
Is rent by thy avenging Hand :
O heal the Breaches thou hast made,
We shake, we fall, without thy Aid !

3 Our Follies sad effects we feel,
For drunk with Discord's Cup, we reel ;

4 But now for them who thee rever'd
Thou hast thy Truth's bright Banner rear'd ;

5 Let thy Right-hand thy Saints protect :
Lord, hear the Pray'rs that we direct !

6 The Holy God has spoke ; and I
O'r-joy'd on his firm Word rely.

To thee in Portions I'll divide
Fair Sichem's Soil, Samaria's Pride ;
To Sichem, Succoth next I'll join,
And measure out her Vale by Line.

7 Manasseh, Gilead, both subscribe
To my Commands, with Ephraim's Tribe ;
Ephraim by Arms supports my Cause,
And Judah by religious Laws.

8 Moab, my Slave and Drudge shall be,
Nor Edom from my Yoke get free ;
Proud Palestine's imperious State
Shall humbly on our Triumph wait.

9 But who shall quell these mighty Pow'rs,
And clear my Way to Edom's Tow'rs ;
Or thro' her guarded Frontiers tread
The Path that doth to Conquest lead ?

10 Ev'n thou, O God, who hast dispers'd
Our Troops (for we forsook thee first)
Those whom thou didst in Wrath forsake,
Aton'd, thou wilt victorious make.

11 Do thou our fainting Cause sustain,
For human Succours are but vain.

12 Fresh Strength and Courage God bestows,
'Tis he treads down our proudest Foes.

Psalm lxi.

1 LORD, hear my Cry, regard my Pray'r,
which I, oppress'd with Grief,

2 From Earth's remotest Parts address
to thee for kind Relief :

O lodge

- O lodge me safe beyond the Reach
of persecuting Pow'r,
3 Thou who so oft from spiteful Foes,
hast been my shelt'ring Tow'r.
4 So shall I in thy sacred Courts
secure from Danger lie :
Beneath the Covert of thy Wings,
all future Storms defy.
5 In Sign my Vows are heard, once more
I o'er thy Chosen reign ;
6 O bless with long and prosp'rous Life,
the King thou didst ordain.
7 Confirm his Throne, and make his Reign
accepted in thy Sight,
And let thy Truth and Mercy both
in his Defence unite.
8 So shall I ever sing thy Praise,
thy Name for ever bless ;
Devote my prosp'rous Days to pay
the Vows of my Distress.

Psalm lxii.

- 1, 2 **M**Y Soul for Help on God relies,
From him alone my Safety flows :
My Rock, my Health, that Strength supplies,
To bear the Shock of all my Foes.
3 How long will ye contrive my Fall,
Which will but hasten on your own ?
You'll totter like a bending Wall,
Or Fence of uncemented Stone.
4 To make my envy'd Honours less
They strive with Lies, their chief Delight ;
For they, tho' with their Mouths they bless,
In private Curse with inward Spite.
5, 6 But thou, my Soul, on God rely ;
On him alone, thy Trust repose ;
My Rock and Health will Strength supply,
To bear the Shock of all my Foes.
7 God does his saving Health dispense,
And flowing Blessings daily send ;
He is my Fortrefs and Defence,
On him my Soul shall still depend.
8 In him, ye People, always trust,
Before his Throne pour out your Hearts ;

For

For God the Merciful and Just,
His timely Aid to us imparts.

- 9 The Vulgar fickle are and frail;
The Great dissemble and betray;
And laid in Truth's impartial Scale,
The lightest Things will both out-weigh,
- 10 Then trust not in oppressive Ways,
By Spoil and Rapine grow not vain;
Nor let your Hearts, if Wealth increase,
Be set too much upon your Gain.
- 11 For God has oft his Will express'd;
And I this Truth hath fully known;
To be of boundless Pow'r possess'd
Belongs of Right to God alone.
- 12 Tho' Mercy is his darling Grace,
In which he chiefly takes delight,
Yet will he all the human Race
According to their Works requite.

Psalm lxiii.

- 1 O GOD, my gracious God, to thee
My Morning Pray'rs shall offer'd be:
For thee my thirsty Soul does pant;
My fainting Flesh implores thy Grace,
Within this dry and barren Place,
Where I refreshing Waters want.
- 2 O to my longing Eyes once more
That View of glorious Pow'r restore,
Which thy majestic House displays:
- 3 Because to me thy wond'rous Love,
Than Life itself does dearer prove,
My Lips shall always speak thy Praise,
- 4 My Life, while I that Life enjoy,
In blessing God I will employ,
With lifted Hands adore his Name:
- 5 My Soul's Content shall be as great,
As theirs whose choicest Dainties eat,
While I with Joy his Praise proclaim.
- 6 When down I lie, sweet Sleep to find,
Thou, Lord, art present to my Mind,
And when I wake in Dead of Night;
- 7 Because thou still dost Succour bring,
Beneath the shadow of thy Wing,
I rest with Safety and Delight,

My Soul, when Foes would me devour,
Cleaves fast to thee, whose matchless Pow'r
In her Support is daily shown :

9 But those the righteous Lord shall slay
That my Destruction wish ; and they
That seek my Life shall lose their own.

10, 11 They by untimely Ends shall die,
Their Flesh a Prey to Foxes lie :
But God shall fill the King with Joy ;
Who swears by thee shall still rejoice,
Whilst the false Tongue and lying Voice,
Thou, Lord, shall silence and destroy.

Psalm lxiv.

1 **L**ORD, hear the Voice of my Complaint,
to my Request give Ear ;
Preserve my Life from cruel Foes,
and free my Soul from Fear.

2 O hide me with thy tend'rest Care
in some secure Retreat,
From Sinners that against me rise,
and all their Plots defeat.

3 See how intent to work my Harm,
they whet their Tongues like Swords :
And bend their Bows, to shoot their Darts,
sharp Lyés and bitter Words !

4 Lurking in private, at the Just
they take their secret Aim ,
And suddenly at him they shoot,
quite void of Fear and Shame.

5 To carry on their ill Designs,
they mutually agree ;
They speak of laying private Snares,
and think that none shall see.

6 With utmost Diligence and Care
the wicked Plots they lay ;
The deep Designs of all their Hearts
are only to betray.

7 But God, to Anger justly mov'd,
his dreadful Bow shall bend,
And on his flying Arrow's point
shall swift Destruction send.

8 Those Slanders which their Mouths did vent,
upon themselves shall fall ;

Their

- Their Crimes disclos'd, shall make them be
despis'd and shun'd by all.
- 9 The World shall then God's Pow'r confess
and Nations trembling stand,
Convinc'd that 'tis the mighty Work
of his avenging Hand.
- 10 Whilst righteous Men by God secur'd
in him shall gladly trust;
And all the list'ning Earth shall hear
loud Triumphs of the Just.

Psalm lxxv.

- 1 **F**OR thee, O God, our constant Praise
In Sion waits, thy chosen Seat;
Our promis'd Altars there we'll raise,
And all our zealous Vows compleat.
- 2 O thou, who to my humble Prayer
Didst always bend thy list'ning Ear,
To thee shall all Mankind repair,
And at thy gracious Throne appear.
- 3 Our Sins (tho' numberless) in vain
To stop thy flowing Mercy try;
Whilst thou o'erlook'st the guilty Stain,
And wastest out the Crimson Dye.
- 4 Blest is the Man, who near thee plac'd,
Within thy sacred Dwellings lives!
Whilst we at humbler Distance taste
The vast Delights thy Temple gives.
- 5 By wond'rous Acts, O God, most just,
Have we thy gracious Answer found;
In thee remotest Nations trust,
And those whom stormy Waves surround.
- 6, 7 God, by his Strength, sets fast the Hills,
And does his matchless Pow'r engage,
With which the Seas loud Waves he stills,
And angry Crouds tumultuous Rage.

P A R T II.

- 8 Thou, Lord, dost barb'rous Lands dismay,
When they thy dreadful Tokens view:
With Joy they see the Night and Day,
Each others Track by Turns pursue.
- 9 From out thy unexhausted Store
Thy Rain relieves the thirsty Ground:
Makes Lands, that barren were before,
With Corn and useful Fruits abound.

- 10 On rising Ridges, down it pours,
And ev'ry furrow'd Valley fills;
Thou mak'st them soft with gentle Show'rs
In which a blest Increase distils.
- 11 Thy Goodness does the circling Year
With fresh returns of Plenty crown;
And where thy glorious Paths appear,
Thy fruitful Clouds drop Fatness down.
- 12 They drop on barren Forrests, chang'd
By them to Pastures fresh and green:
The Hills about in Order rang'd,
In beauteous Robes of Joy are seen.
- 13 Large Flocks with fleecy Wool adorn
The chearful downs; the Vallies bring
A plenteous Crop of full-ear'd Corn,
And seem for Joy to shout and sing.

Psalm lxvi.

- 1, 2 **L**ET all the Lands with Shouts of Joy
to God their Voices raise;
Sing Psalms in Honour of his Name,
and spread his glorious Praise.
- 3 And let them say, how dreadful, Lord,
in all thy Works art thou!
To thy great Pow'r thy stubborn Foes
shall all be forc'd to bow.
- 4 Thro' all the Earth the Nations round
shall thee their God confess;
And with glad Hymns their awful Dread
of thy great Name express.
- 5 O come, behold the Works of God,
and then with me, you'll own,
That he to all the Sons of Men,
has wond'rous Judgments shown.
- 6 He made the Sea become dry Land,
thro' which our Fathers walk'd;
Whilst to each other of his Might
with Joy his People talk'd.
- 7 He by his Pow'r for ever rules;
his Eyes the World Survey;
Let no presumptuous Man rebel
against his sov'reign Sway.

PART II.

- 8, 9 O all ye Nations, bless our God,
and loudly speak his Praise; Who

Who keeps our Soul alive and still
confirms our stedfast ways.

- 10 For thou hast try'd us, Lord, as Fire
does try the precious Ore ;
11 Thou brought'st us into Straits, where we
oppressing Burthens bore.
12 Insulting Foes did us, their Slaves,
thro' Fire and Water chace ;
But yet at last thou brough't us forth
into a wealthy Place.
13 Burnt-Off'rings to thy House I'll bring,
and there my Vows I'll pay,
14 Which I with solemn Zeal did make
In Trouble's dismal Day.
15 Then shall the richest Incence smoke,
the fattest Rams shall fall ;
The choicest Goats from out the Fold,
and Bullocks from the Stall.
16 O come, all ye that fear the Lord,
attend with heedful Care ;
Whilst I what God for me has done,
with grateful Joy declare.
17, 18 As I before his Aid implor'd,
so now I praise his Name ;
Who, if my Heart had harbour'd Sin,
would all my Pray'rs disclaim.
19 But God to me, whene'er I cry'd,
his gracious Ear did bend ;
And to the Voice of my Request
with constant Love attend.
20 Then blest'd for ever be my God,
who never, when I pray,
With-holds his Mercy from my Soul,
nor turns his Face away.

Psalms lxvii.

- 1 **T**O bless thy chosen Race,
in Mercy, Lord, incline :
And cause the Brightness of thy Face
on all thy Saints to shine :
2 That so thy wond'rous Ways
may thro' the World be known :
Whilst distant Lands their Tribute pay,
and thy Salvation own.

- 3 Let differing Nations join
to celebrate thy Fame ;
Let all the World, O Lord, combine
to praise thy glorious Name.
- 4 O let them shout and sing,
dissolv'd in pious Mirth,
For thou, the righteous Judge and King,
shall govern all the Earth.
- 5 Let differing Nations join
to celebrate thy Fame ;
Let all the World, O Lord, combine
to praise thy glorious Name.
- 6 Then shall the teeming Ground
a large Increase disclose :
And we with Plenty shall be crown'd,
which God, our God, bestows.
- 7 Then God upon our Land
shall constant Blessing show'r,
And all the World in Awe shall stand
of his resistless Pow'r.

Psalm lxviii.

- 1 **L**ET God, the God of Battle rise,
And scatter his presumptuous Foes ;
Let shameful Rout their Host surprise,
Who spitefully his Pow'r oppose.
- 2 As Smoke in Tempest's Rage is lost,
Or Wax into the Furnace cast,
So let their sacrilegious Host
Before his wrathful Presence waste.
- 3 But let the Servants of his Will
His Favours gentle Beams enjoy ;
Their upright Hearts let Gladness fill,
And chearful Songs their Tongues employ.
- 4 To him your Voice in Anthems raise,
Jehovah's awful Name he bears,
In him rejoice, extol his Praise,
Who rides upon high rowling Spheres.
- 5 Him, from his Empire of the Skies,
To this low World Compassion draws,
The Orphan's Claim to patronize,
And judge the injur'd Widow's Cause.
- 6 'Tis God, who from a foreign Soil,
Restores poor Exiles to their Home,

Makes

Makes Captives free, and fruitless Toil
Their proud Oppressors righteous Doom.

- 7 'Twas so of old, when thou didst lead,
In Person, Lord, our Armies forth,
Strange Terrors thro' the Desert spread,
Convulsions shook th' astonish'd Earth.
- 8 The breaking Clouds did Rain distil,
And Heav'n's high Arches shook with Fear:
How then shall Sinai's humble Hill,
Of Isr'el's God the Presence bear?
- 9 Thy Hand at famisht Earth's Complaint,
Reliev'd her from celestial Stores;
And when thy Heritage was faint, (rs.
Aftwag'd the Drought with plenteous Show-
- 10 Where Savages had rang'd before,
At Ease thou mad'st our Tribes reside;
And in the Desert, for the Poor,
Thy gen'rous Bounty did provide.

P A R T II.

- 11 Thou gav'st the Word, we sally'd forth,
And in that pow'rful Word o'ercame,
While Virgin-Troops with Songs of Mirth
In State our Conquest did proclaim.
- 12 Vast Armies, by such Gen'rals led,
As yet had ne'er receiv'd a Foil,
Forsook their Camp with sudden Dread,
And to our Women left the Spoil.
- 13 Tho' Egypt's Drudges you have been,
Your Army's Wings shall shine as bright
As Doves in Golden Sun-shine seen,
Or silver'd o'er with paler Light.
- 14 'Twas so when God's Almighty Hand
O'er scatter'd Kings the Conquest won;
Our Troops drawn up on Jordan's Strand,
High Salmon's glitt'ring Snow out-shone.
- 15 From thence to Jordan's farther Coast,
And Bashan's Hill we did Advance:
No more her Height shall Bashan boast,
Eut that she's God's Inheritance.
- 16 But wherefore (tho' the Honour's great)
Should this, O Mountains, swell your Pride;
For Sion is his chosen Seat,
Where he for ever will reside.

- 17 His Chariots numberless, his Pow'rs
Are heavenly Hosts that wait his Will;
His Presence now fills Sions Tow'rs,
As once it honour'd Sinai's Hill.
- 18 Ascending high, in Triumph thou
Captivity hast Captive led,
And on thy People didst bestow
The Spoil of Armies, once their Dread.
Ev'n Rebels shall partake thy Grace,
And humble Profelytes repair
To worship at thy Dwelling-Place,
And all the World pay Homage there.
- 19 For Benefits each Day bestow'd,
Be daily his great Name ador'd;
- 20 Who is our Saviour and our God,
Of Life and Death the sov'reign Lord.
- 21 But Justice for his harden'd Foes
Proportion'd Vengeance hath decreed,
To wound the hoary Head of those
Who in presumptuous Crimes proceed.
- 22 The Lord hath thus, in Thunder spoke;
"As I subdu'd proud Basham's King,
"Once more I'll break my People's Yoke,
"And from the Deep my Servants bring.
- 23 "Their Feet shall with a Crimson Flood
"Of slaughter'd Foes be cover'd o'er,
"Nor Earth receive such impious Blood,
"But leave for Dogs th' unhallow'd Gore.

P A R T III

- 24 When marching to thy blest Abode,
The wond'ring Multitude survey'd
The pompous State of thee, our God,
In Robes of Majesty array'd.
- 25 Sweet-singing Levites led the Van,
Loud Instruments brought up the Rear;
Between both Troops a Virgin Train
With Voice and Timbrel charm'd the Ear.
- 26 This was the Burthen of their Song,
"In full Assemblies bless the Lord,
"All, who to Isr'els Tribes belong,
"The God of Isr'el's Praise record.
- 27 Nor little Benjamin alone
From neighb'ring Bounds did there attend.
Nor

- Nor only Judah's nearer Throne,
Her Counsellers in State did send,
But Zebulon's remoter Seat
And Napthali's more distant Coast,
(The grand Proceſſion to compleat)
Sent up their Tribes, a princely Hoſt.
- 28 Thus God to Strength and Union brought
Our Tribes, at Strife till that bleſt Hour;
This Work, which thou, O God haſt
(wrought,
Confirm with freſh Recruits of Pow'r,
- 29 To viſit Salem, Lord, deſcend,
And Sion thy terrestrial Throne;
Where Kings with Preſents ſhall attend,
And thee with offer'd Crowns atone. (threat
- 30 Break down the Spear-men's Ranks, who
Like pampar'd Herds of ſavage Might,
Their Silver'd-armour'd Chiefs defeat,
Who in deſtructive War delight,
- 31 Egpyt ſhall then to God ſtretch forth
Her Hands and Afric Homage bring:
- 32 The ſcatter'd Kingdoms of the Earth
Their common Sov'reign's Praiſes ſing.
- 33 Who mounted on the loftieſt Sphere
Of ancient Heav'n, ſublimely rides;
From whence his dreadful Voice we hear,
Like that of warring Winds and Tides,
- 34 Aſcribe ye Pow'rs to God moſt high,
Of humble Iſr'el he takes Care:
Whoſe Strength from out the duſky Sky
Darts ſhining Terrors thro' the Air.
- 35 How dreadful are the ſacred Courts,
Where God has fix'd his earthly Throne!
His Strength his feeble Saints ſupports;
To God give Praise, and him alone.

Pſalm Ixix.

- 1 **S**AVE me, O God, from Waves that roll,
And preſs to overwhelm my Soul.
- 2 With painful Steps in Mire I tread,
And Deluges o'erflow my Head,
- 3 With reſtleſs Cries my Spirits faint,
My Voice is hoarſe with long Complaint,
My Sight decays with tedious Pain,
Whiſt for my God I wait in vain.

- 4 My Hairs tho' num'rous, are but few,
Compar'd with Foes that me pursue
With groundless Hate, grown now of Might
To execute their lawless Spite.
They force me guiltless to resign
As Rapine, what by right was mine,
- 5 Thou, Lord, my Innocence dost see,
Nor are my Sins conceal'd from thee.
- 6 Lord God of Hosts, take timely Care,
Lest for my Sake, thy Saints despair ;
- 7 Since I have suffer'd for thy Name
Reproach, and hid my Face in Shame,
- 8 A Stranger to my Country grown,
Nor to my nearest Kindred known ;
A Foreigner, expos'd to Scorn
By Brethren of my Mother born.
- 9 For Zeal to thy lov'd House and Name
Consumes me like devouring Flame,
Concern'd at their Affronts to thee,
More than at Slanders cast on me.
- 10 My very Tears and Abstinence
They construe in a spiteful Sense:
- 11 When cloth'd with Sackcloth for their sake,
They me their common Proverb make.
- 12 Their Judges make my Wrongs their Jests,
Those Wrongs they ought to have redrest !
How should I then expect to be
From Libels of lewd Drunkards free.
- 13 But, Lord, to thee I will repair
For Help with humble timely Pray'r :
Relieve me from thy Mercy's Store,
Display thy Truth's preserving Pow'r.
- 14 From threat'ning Dangers me relieve,
And from the Mire my Feet retrieve ;
From spiteful Foes in safety keep,
And snatch me from the raging Deep.
- 15 Control the Deluge e'er it spread,
And roll its Waves above my Head ;
Nor deep Destruction's yawning Pit
To close her Jaws on me permit.
- 16 Lord, hear the humble Pray'r I make,
For thy transcending Goodness sake ;
Relieve thy Suppliant once more
From thy abounding Mercy's Store.

- 17 Nor from thy Servant hide thy Face ;
 Make haste, for desp'rate is my Case :
 18 Thy timely Succour interpose,
 And shield me from remorseless Foes.
 19 Thou know'st what Infamy and Scorn,
 I from my Enemies have born,
 Nor can their close dissembled Spite,
 Or darkeſt Plots eſcape thy Sight.
 20 Reproach and Grief have broke my Heart,
 I look'd for ſome to take my Part ;
 To pity or relieve my Pain,
 But look'd (alas) for both in vain !
 21 With Hunger pin'd for Food I call,
 Inſtead of Food, they give me Gall ;
 And when with Thirſt my Spirits ſink,
 They gave me Vinegar to drink.
 22 Their Table therefore to their Health
 Shall prove a Snare, a Trap their Wealth ;
 23 Perpetual Darkneſs ſeize their Eyes,
 And ſudden Blaſts their Hope ſurpriſe.
 24 On them thou ſhalt thy Fury pour,
 Till thy fierce Wrath their Race devour,
 25 And make their Houſe a diſmal Cell.
 Where none will e'er vouchſafe to dwell.
 26 For new Afflictions they procur'd,
 For him who had thy Stripes endur'd ;
 And made the Wounds thy Scourge had torn
 To bleed aſreſh with ſharper Scorn.
 27 Sin ſhall to Sin their Steps betray,
 Till they to Truth have loſt the Way.
 28 From Life thou ſhalt exclude their Soul,
 Nor with the Juſt their Names enrol.
 29 But me, howe'er diſtreſt and poor,
 Thy ſtrong Salvation ſhall reſtore :
 30 Thy Pow'r with Songs I'll then proclaim
 And celebrate with Thanks thy Name.
 31 Our God ſhall this more highly prize
 Than Herds or Flocks in Sacrifice ;
 32 Which humble Saints with Joy ſhall ſee,
 And hope for like Redreſs with me,
 33 For God regards the Poor's Complaint,
 Sets Priſ'ners free from cloſe Reſtraint
 34 Let Heav'n, Earth, Sea, their Voices raiſe
 And all the World reſound his Praise.

- 35 For God will Sion's Walls erect,
Fair Judah's Cities he'll protect,
Till all her scatter'd Sons repair
To undisturb'd Possession there.
- 36 This Blessing they shall at their Death,
To their religious Heirs bequeath;
And they to endless Ages more,
Of such as his blest Name adore.

Psalm lxx.

- 1 O LORD, to my Relief draw near,
for never was more pressing Need;
For my Deliv'rance, Lord, appear,
and add to that Deliv'rance Speed.
- 2 Confusion on their Heads return,
who to destroy my Soul combine;
Let them defeated, blush, and mourn,
ensnar'd in their own vile Design.
- 3 Their Doom let Desolation be,
with Shame their Malice be repaid,
Who mock'd my Confidence in thee,
And Sport of my Afflictions made.
- 4 While those who humbly seek thy Face,
To joyful Triumphs shall be rais'd,
And all who prize thy saving Grace
with me shall sing, The Lord be prais'd.
- 5 Thus wretched tho' I am and poor,
the mighty Lord of me takes care,
Thou God, who only can'st restore,
To my Relief with Speed repair.

Psalm lxxi.

- 1, 2 IN thee I put my stedfast Trust,
defend me, Lord, from Shame:
Incline thine Ear, and save my Soul,
For righteous is thy Name.
- 3 Be thou my strong abiding Place,
to which I may resort;
'Tis thy Decree that keeps me safe;
thou art my Rock and Fort.
- 4, 5 From cruel and ungodly Men
protect and set me free,
For from my earliest Youth 'till now
my Hope has been in thee.
- 6 Thy constant Care did safely guard
my tender infant Days;

Thou took'st me from my Mother's Womb
to sing thy constant Praise.

- 7, 8 While some on me with Wonder gaze,
thy Hand supports me still ;
Thy Honour therefore and thy Praise
my Mouth shall always fill.
- 9 Reject not then thy servant, Lord,
when I with Age decay,
Forfake me not, when worn with Years,
my Vigour fades away.
- 10 My Foes, against my Fame and me,
with crafty Malice speak ;
Against my Soul, they lay their Snares,
and mutual Counsel take.
- 11 His God, say they, forsakes him now,
on whom he did rely :
Pursue and take him, whilst no Hope
of timely Aid is nigh.
- 12 But thou, my God, withdraw not far,
for speedy Help I call ;
- 13 To Shame and Ruin bring my Foes
that seek to work my Fall.
- 14 But as for me, my stedfast Hope
shall on thy Pow'r depend,
And I in grateful Songs of Praise,
my Time to come will spend

P A R T II.

- 15 Thy righteous Acts and saving Health
my Mouth shall still declare ;
Unable yet to count them all,
tho' summ'd with utmost Care.
- 16 While God vouchsafes me his Support,
I'll in his Strength go on ;
All other Righteousness disclaim,
and mention his alone.
- 17 Thou, Lord, hast taught me from my Youth
to praise thy glorious Name ;
And ever since thy wond'rous Works
have been my constant Theme.
- 18 Then now forsake me not when I
am grey, and feeble grown,
'Till I to these and future Times,
thy Strength and Pow'r have shown.

- 19 How high thy Justice, soars, O God !
 how great and wond'rous are
 The mighty Works which thou hast done !
 who may with thee compare ?
- 20 Me, whom thy Hand has sorely press'd,
 thy Grace shall yet relieve ;
 And from the lowest Depth of Woe
 with tender Care retrieve.
- 21 Thro' thee my Time to come shall be
 with Pow'r and Greatness crown'd,
 And me, who dismal Years have past,
 thy Comforts shall surround.
- 22 Therefore with Psaltery and Harp
 thy Truth, O Lord, I'll Praise ;
 To thee, the God of Jacob's Race,
 my Voice in Anthems raise.
- 23 Then Joy shall fill my Mouth, and Songs
 employ my chearful Voice ;
 My grateful Soul, by thee redeem'd
 Shall in thy Strength rejoice.
- 24 My Tongue thy just and righteous Acts
 shall all the Day proclaim ;
 Because thou didst confound my Foes,
 and brought'st them all to Shame.

P S A L M lxxii.

- 1 **L**ORD, let thy just Decrees, the King
 in all his Ways direct ;
 And let his Son throughout his Reign
 thy righteous Laws Respect.
- 2 So shall he still thy People judge
 with pure and upright Mind,
 Whilst all the helpless Poor shall him
 their just Protector find.
- 3 Then Hills and Mountains shall bring forth
 the happy Fruits of Peace ;
 Which all the Land shall own to be
 the Work of Righteousness ;
- 4 Whilst he the Poor and needy Race
 shall rule with gentle Sway ;
 And from their humble Necks shall take
 oppressive Yokes away.
- 5 In ev'ry Heart thy awful Fear
 shall then be rooted fast,

As long as Sun and Moon endure,
or Time itself shall last.

5 He shall descend like Rain that cheers
the Meadows second Birth,
Or like warm Show'rs, whose gentle Drops
refresh the thirsty Earth.

7 In his blest Days the Just and Good
shall be with Favour crown'd,
The happy Land shall ev'ry where
with endless Peace abound.

8 His uncontrol'd Dominion shall
from Sea to Sea extend,
Begin at proud Euphrate's Streams,
at Nature's Limits end.

9 To him the savage Nations round
shall bow their servile Heads,
His vanquish'd Foes shall lick the Dust
where he his Conquest spreads.

10 The Kings of Tarshish and the Isles
shall costly Presents bring;
From spicy Sheba Gifts shall come,
and wealthy Saba's King.

11 To him shall ev'ry King on Earth
his humble Homage pay,
And diff'ring Nations gladly join,
to own his righteous Sway.

12 For he shall set the Needy free,
when they for Succour cry,
Shall save the Helpless and the Poor,
And all their Wants supply.

P A R T II.

3 His Providence, for needy Souls,
shall due Supplies prepare:
And over their defenceless Lives
shall watch with tender Care.

4 He shall preserve and keep their Souls,
from Fraud and Rapine free
And in his Sight their guiltless Blood
of mighty Price shall be.

5 Therefore shall God his Life and Reign
to many Years extend,
Whilst Eastern Princes Tribute pay,
and Golden Presents send.

- For him shall constant Pray'rs be made,
thro' all his prosp'rous Days ;
His just Dominion shall afford
a lasting Theme of Praise.
- 16 Of useful Grain, thro' all the Land,
great Plenty shall appear ;
A handful sown on Mountain Tops
a mighty Crop shall bear.
Its Fruit, like Cedars shook by Winds,
a ratling Noise shall yield ;
The City too shall thrive, and vie
for Plenty with the Field.
- 17 The Mem'ry of his glorious Name
thro' endless Years shall run ;
His spotless Fame shall shine as bright
and lasting as the Sun.
In him the Nations of the World
shall be completely blest,
And his unbounded Happiness
by ev'ry Tongue confest.
- 18 Then bless'd be God, the mighty Lord,
The God whom Isr'el fears ;
Who only wond'rous in his Works
beyond compare appears.
- 19 Let Earth be with his Glory fill'd ;
for ever bless his Name ;
Whilst to his Praise the list'ning World
their glad Assent proclaim.

Psalm lxxiii.

- 1 A T length, by certain Proofs, 'tis plain
that God will to his Saints be kind ;
That all, whose Hearts be pure and clean
shall his protecting Favour find.
- 2, 3, Till his sustaining Truth I knew,
my stagg'ring Feet had almost fail'd ;
I griev'd the Sinners Wealth to view,
and envy'd when the Fools prevail'd.
- 4, 5, They to the Grave in Peace descend,
and whilst they live are hale and strong ;
No Plagues or Troubles them offend,
which oft to other Men belong.
- 6, 7, With Pride, as with a Chain, they're held,
and Rapine seems their Robe of State ;

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- Their Eyes stand out with Fatness swell'd,
they grow beyond their Wishes great.
- 8, 9, With Hearts corrupt and lofty Talk,
oppressive Methods they defend ;
Their Tongue thro' all the Earth does walk,
their Blasphemies to Heav'n ascend.
- 10 And yet admiring Crowds are found,
who servile Visits duly make,
Because with Plenty they abound,
of which their flatt'ring Slaves partake.
- 11 Their fond Opinions they pursue,
till they with them prophanely cry,
“ How should the Lord our Actions view,
“ Can he perceive who dwells so high ?”
- 12 Behold the Wicked ! these are they
who openly their Sins profess ;
And yet their Wealth's increas'd each Day,
and all their Actions meet Success.
- 13, 14, Then have I cleans'd my Heart, (said I)
and wash'd my Hands from Guilt in vain,
If all the Day oppress'd I lie,
and ev'ry Morning suffer Pain.
- 15 Thus did I once to speak intend ;
but if such Things I rashly say,
Thy Children, Lord, I must offend,
and basely should their Cause betray.

P A R T II.

- 16, 17, To fathom this my Thoughts I bent,
but found the Case too hard for me,
'Till to the House of God I went,
then I their End did plainly see.
- 18 How high soe'er advanc'd, they all
on slipp'ry Places loosely stand ;
Thence into Ruin headlong fall,
cast down by thy avenging Hand.
- 19, 20 How dreadful and how quick their Fate
despis'd by thee, when they're destroy'd ;
As waking Men with scorn do treat
the Fancies that their Dreams employ'd.
- 21, 22 Thus was my Heart with Grief oppress'd,
my Reins were rack'd with restless Pains ;
So stupid was I, like a Beast,
who no reflecting Thoughts retains.

- 23, 24, Yet still thy Presence me supply'd,
and thy Right-hand Assistance gave :
Thou first shalt with thy Counsel guide,
and then to Glory me receive.
- 25 Whom then in Heav'n, but thee alone,
have I, whose Favour I require?
Throughout the spacious Earth there's none
that I besides there can desire.
- 26 My trembling Flesh and aking Heart
may often fail to succour me;
But God shall inward Strength impart,
and my eternal Portion be.
- 27 For they that far from thee remove,
shall into sudden Ruin fall :
If after other Gods they rove,
thy Vengeance shall destroy them all.
- 28 But as for me 'tis good and just,
that I should still to God repair;
In him I always put my Trust,
and will his wond'rous Works declare,

Psalm lxxiv.

- 1 **W**HY hast thou cast us off, O God!
wilt thou no more return?
O why against thy chosen Flock,
does thy fierce Anger burn?
- 2 Think on thy ancient Purchase, Lord,
the Land that is thy own;
By thee redeem'd, and Sion's Mount,
Where once thy Glory shone.
- 3 O come, and view our ruin'd State!
how long our Troubles last!
See! how the Foe with wicked Rage
has laid thy Temple waste!
- 4 Thy Foes blaspheme thy Name; where late
thy zealous Servants pray'd;
The Heathen there, with haughty Pomp,
their Banners have display'd.
- 5, 6, Those curious Carvings which did once
advance the Artist's Fame,
With Ax and Hammer they destroy,
like Works of vulgar Frame.
- 7 Thy holy Temple they have burnt;
an' what escap'd the Flame,
Has been prophan'd, and quite defac'd,
tho' sacred to thy Name. Thy

- 8 Thy Worship wholly to destroy,
maliciously they aim'd ;
And all the sacred Places burn'd
where we thy Praise proclaim'd.
9 Yet of thy Presence thou vouchsaf'st
no tender Signs to send ;
We have no Prophet now that knows
when this sad State shall end.

PART II.

- 10 But, Lord, how long wilt thou permit
th' insulting Foe to boast ?
Shall all the Honour of thy Name
for evermore be lost ? (hand ?
11 Why hold'st thou back thy strong Right-
and on thy patient Breast,
When Vengeance calls to stretch it forth,
so calmly let' it rest ?
12 Thou heretofore, with kingly Pow'r,
in our Defence hast fought ;
For us, throughout the wand'ring World,
hast great Salvation wrought.
13 'Twas thou, O God, that didst the Sea
by thy own Strength divide ;
Thou break'st the wat'ry Monster's Head,
the Waves o'erwhelm'd their Pride,
14 The greatest, fiercest of them all,
that seem'd the Deep to sway ;
Was by thy Pow'r destroy'd, and made
to savage Beasts a Prey.
15 Thou clav'st the solid Rock, and mad'st
the Waters largely flow ;
Again, thou mad'st thro' parting Streams
thy wand'ring People go.
16 Thine is the chearful Day, and thine
the black return of Night ;
Thou hast prepar'd the glorious Sun,
and ev'ry feeble Light :
17 By thee the Borders of the Earth
in perfect Order stand ;
The Summer's Warmth, and Winter's Cold,
attend on thy Command.

PART III.

- 8 Remember, Lord, how scornful Foes
have daily urg'd our Shame ;

- And how the foolish People have
blasphem'd thy holy Name.
- 19 O free thy mourning Turtle-Dove,
by sinful Crowds beset ;
Nor the Assembly of thy Poor
for evermore forget.
- 20 Thy ancient Cov'nant, Lord, regard,
and make thy Promise good ;
For now each Corner of the Land
is fill'd with Men of Blood.
- 21 O let not the Opprest return,
with Sorrow cloath'd and Shame ;
But let the Helpless and the Poor
for ever praise thy Name.
- 22 Arise, O God, in our Behalf,
thy Cause and ours maintain ;
Remember how insulting Fools
each Day thy Name prophane !
- 23 Make thou the Boastings of thy Foes
for ever, Lord, to cease ;
Whose Insolence, if unchastis'd,
will more and more increase.

Psalm lxxv.

- 1 **T**O thee, O God, we render Praise,
To thee with Thanks repair ;
For, that thy Name to us is nigh,
thy wond'rous Works declare.
- 2 In Isr'el when my Throne is fix'd,
with me shall Justice reign :
- 3 The Land with Discord shakes, but I
the sinking Frame sustain.
- 4 Deluded Wretches I advis'd
their Errors to redress,
And warn'd bold Sinners that they should
their swelling Pride suppress.
- 5 Bear not yourselves so high, as if
no Pow'r could yours restrain ;
Submit your stubborn Necks, and learn
to speak with less Disdain.
- 6 For that Promotion, which to gain
your vain Ambition strives,
From neither East nor West, nor yet
from Southern Climes arrives.,

- 7 For God the great Disposer is,
and sov'reign Judge alone,
Who casts the Proud to Earth, and lifts
the Humble to a Throne.
- 8 His Hand holds forth a dreadful Cup,
with Purple Wine 'tis crown'd ;
The deadly Mixture, with his Wrath
deals out to Nations round,
Of this his Saints sometimes may taste,
but Wicked Men shall squeeze
The bitter Dregs, and be condemn'd
to drink the very Lees.
- 9 His Prophet, I, to all the World
this Message will relate :
The Justice then of Jacob's God,
my Song shall celebrate.
- 10 The Wicked's Pride I will reduce,
their Cruelty disarm ;
Exalt the Just, and set him high,
above the reach of Harm.

Psalm lxxvi.

- 1 **I**N Judah the Almighty's known,
(Almighty there by Wonders shown)
His Name in Jacob does excel :
- 2 His Sanctuary in Salem stands ;
The Majesty that Heav'n commands,
In Sion condescends to dwell.
- 3 He brake the Bow and Arrows there,
The Shield, the temper'd Swords and Spear,
There slain the mighty Army lay ;
- 4 Whence Sion's Fame thro' Earth is spread,
Of greater Glory, greater Dread,
Then Hills where Robbers lodge their Prey.
- 5 Their vallant Chiefs, who came for Spoil,
Themselves met there a shameful Foil,
Securely down to sleep they lay :
But wak'd no more ; their stoutest Band
Ne'er lifted one resisting Hand
'Gainst his that did their Legions slay.
- 6 When Jacob's God began to frown,
Both Horse and Chariteers, o'erthrown,
Together slept in endless Night

- 7 When thou, whom Earth and Heav'n revere,
Dost once with wrathful look appear,
What mortal Pow'r can stand thy Sight ?
- 8 Pronounc'd from Heav'n, Earth heard its
Doom, (come.
Grew hush'd with Fear, when thou did'st
- 9 The meek with Justice to restore ;
- 10 The Wrath of Man shall yield thee Praise,
Its last Attempts but serves to raise
The Triumphs of Almighty Pow'r
- 11 Vow to the Lord, ye Nations, bring:
Vow'd Presents to th' Eternal King ;
Thus to his Name due Rev'ence pay,
- 12 Who proudest Potentates can quell,
To earthly Kings more terrible
Than to their trembling Subjects they.

Psalm lxxvii.

- 1 **T**O God I cry'd, who to my Help
did graciously repair ;
- 2 In Trouble's dismal Day I sought
my God with humble Pray'r.
All Night my fest'ring Wound did run,
no Medicine gave Relief;
My Soul no Comfort would admit,
my Soul indulg'd her Grief.
- 3 I thought on God, and Favours past,
but that increas'd my Pain ;
I found my Spirit more oppress'd,
the more I did complain.
- 4 Thro' ev'ry Watch of tedious Night
thou keep'st my Eyes awake ;
My Grief is swell'd to that Excess
I sigh but cannot speak.
- 5 I call to Mind the Days of old
with signal Mercy crown'd,
Those famous Years of ancient Times,
for Miracles renown'd.
- 6 By Night I recollect my Songs
on former Triumphs made,
Then search, consult, and ask my Heart
where's now that wond'rous Aid ?
- 7 Has God for ever cast us off ?
Withdrawn his Favour quite ?

- 8 Are both his Mercy and his Truth
retir'd to endless Night ?
- 9 Can his long-practis'd Love forget
its wonted Aids to bring !
Has he in Wrath shut up and seal'd
his Mercy's healing Spring ?
- 10 I said my Weakness hints these Fears,
but I'll my Fears disband ;
I'll yet remember the most high,
and Years of his Right-hand.
- 11 I'll call to mind his Works of old,
the Wonders of his Might ;
- 12 On them my Heart shall meditate,
my Tongue shall them recite.
- 13 Safe lodg'd from human search on high,
O God, thy Counsels are !
Who is so great a God as ours ?
who can with him compare ?
- 14 Long since a God of Wonders thee
thy rescu'd People found :
- 15 Long since hast thou thy chosen Seed
with strong Deliv'rance crown'd.
- 16 When thee, O God, the Waters saw,
the frighted Billows shrunk ;
The troubled Depths themselves for Fear,
beneath their Channels sunk. (Skies
- 17 The Clouds pour'd down, while rending
did with their Noise conspire ;
Thy Arrows all abroad were sent,
wing'd with avenging Fire.
- 18 Heav'n with thy Thunders Voice was torn,
whilst all the lower World seem'd
With Light'nings blaz'd ; Earth shook and
from her Foundations hurl'd.
- 19 Thro' rolling Streams thou find'st thy Way,
thy Paths in Waters lie ;
Thy wond'rous Passage, where no Sight
thy Footsteps can descry.
- 20 Thou led'st thy People like a Flock,
safe thro' the desert Land,
By Moses, their meek skilful Guide,
And Aaron's sacred Hand,

Psalm lxxviii.

- 1 **H**E A R, O my People; to my Law
devout Attention lend;
Let the Instruction of my Mouth
deep in your Hearts descend.
- 2 My Tongue, by Inspiration taught,
shall Parables unfold,
Dark Oracles, but understood,
and own'd for Truths of old.
- 3 Which we from sacred Registers
of ancient Times have known,
And our Fore-fathers pious Care
To us has handed down.
- 4 We will not hide them from our Sons;
our Offspring shall be taught
The Praises of the Lord, whose Strength
has Works of Wonder wrought.
- 5 For Jacob he this Law ordain'd,
this League with Isr'el made,
With Charge, to be from Age to Age,
from Race to Race convey'd.
- 6 That Generations yet to come
should to their unborn Heirs,
Religiously transmit the same,
and they again to theirs.
- 7 To teach 'em that in God alone
their Hope securely stands;
That they should ne'er his Works forget,
but keep his just Commands.
- 8 Lest, like their Fathers, they might prove
a stiff Rebellious Race,
False-hearted, fickle to their God,
unsteadfast in his Grace.
- 9 Such were revolting Ephraim's Sons,
who tho' to Warfare bred,
And skilful Archers, arm'd with Bows,
from Field ignobly fled.
- 10, 11 They falsify'd their League with God,
his Orders disobey'd;
Forgot his Works and Miracles
before their Eyes display'd.
- 12 Nor Wonders which their Fathers saw,
did they in mind retain;

Prodigious

- Prodigious Things in Egypt done,
and Zoan's fertile Plain.
- 13 He cuts the Seas to let them pass,
restrain'd the pressing Flood ;
While pil'd in Heaps, on either Side,
the solid Waters stood.
- 14 A wond'rous Pillar led them on,
compos'd of Shade and Light ;
A shelt'ring Cloud it prov'd by Day,
a leading Fire by Night. (Stream
- 15 When Drought oppress'd them, where no
the Wilderness supply'd,
He cleft the Rock, whose flinty Breast
dissolv'd into a Tide.
- 16 Streams from the solid Rock he brought,
which down in Rivers fell,
That, trav'ling with their Camp, each Day
renew'd the Miracle.
- 17 Yet there they sinn'd against him more,
provoking the most High ;
In that same Desert where he did
their fainting Souls supply.
- 18 They first incens'd him in their Hearts,
that did his Pow'r distrust,
And long'd for Meat not urg'd by Want,
but to indulge their Lust.
- 19 Then utter'd their blaspheming Doubts,
" Can God, say they, prepare
" A Table in the Wilderness,
" set out with various Fare ?
- 20 He smote the flinty Rock, ('tis true)
" And gushing Streams ensu'd ;
" But can he Corn and Flesh provide
" For such a Multitude ?"
- 21 The Lord with Indignation heard,
from Heav'n avenging Flame,
On Jacob fell, consuming Wrath
on thankless Isr'el came.
- 22 Because their unbelieving Hearts
in God wou'd not confide :
Nor trust his Care, who had from Heav'n,
their Wants so oft supply'd.
- 23 Tho' he had made his Clouds discharge
Provisions down in Show'rs ;

And,

And, when Earth fail'd, reliev'd their Need,
from his celestial Stores.

- 24 Tho' tasteful Manna was rain'd down
their Hunger to relieve;
Tho' from the Stores of Heav'n they did
sustaining Corn receive.
- 25 Thus Man with Angels sacred Food,
ingrateful Man was fed;
Not sparingly, for still they found
a plenteous Table spread.
- 26 From Heav'n he made an East-Wind blow,
then did the South command,
27 To rain down Flesh like Dust, and Fowls
like Seas unnumber'd Sand.
- 28 Within their Trenches he let fall
the luscious easy Prey,
And all around their spreading Camp
the feather'd Booty lay.
- 29 They fed, were fill'd, he gave 'em Leave
their Appetites to feast;
- 30, 31 Yet still their wanton Lust crav'd on,
nor with their Hunger ceas'd.
But whilst in their luxurious Mouths,
they did their Dainties chew,
The Wrath of God smote down their Chiefs,
and Isr'el's Chosen slew.

P A R T II.

- 32 Yet still they sinn'd, nor would afford
his Miracles Belief;
- 33 Therefore thro' fruitless Travels he
consum'd their Lives in Grief,
- 34 When some were slain, the rest return'd
to God with early Cry;
- 35 Own'd him the Rock of their Defence,
their Saviour, God most High.
- 36 But this was feign'd Submission all,
their Heart their Tongue bely'd;
- 37 Their Heart was still perverse, nor would
firm in his League abide.
- 38 Yet, full of Mercy, he forgave,
nor did with Death chastise;
But turn'd his kindled Wrath aside,
or would not let it rise,

- 39 For he remember'd they were Flesh
that could not long remain ;
A murm'ring Wind that's quickly past,
and ne'er returns again.
- 40 How oft did they provoke him there,
How oft his Patience grieve,
In that same Desert where he did
their fainting Souls relieve ;
- 41 They tempted him by turning back,
and wickedly repin'd,
When Isr'el's God refus'd to be
by their Desires confin'd.
- 42 Nor call'd to mind the Hand and Day
that their Redemption brought ;
- 43 His Signs in Egypt, wond'rous Works
in Zoan's Valley wrought.
- 44 He turn'd their Rivers into Blood,
that Man and Beast forbore,
And rather choose to die of Thirst
than drink the putrid Gore.
- 45 He sent devouring swarms of Flies,
Hoarse Frogs annoy'd their Soil ;
- 46 Locusts and Caterpillars reap'd
the Harvest of their Toil.
- 47 Their Vines with batt'ring Hail were broke,
with Frost the Fig-tree dies ;
- 48 Lightning and Hail made Flocks and Herds
one gen'ral Sacrifice.
- 49 He turn'd his Anger loose, and set
no Time for it to cease ;
And, with their Plagues, bad Angels sent
their Torments to increase.
- 50 He clear'd a Passage for his Wrath
to ravage uncontrol'd ;
The Murrain on their Firstlings seiz'd
in ev'ry Field and Fold,
- 51 The deadly Pest from Beast to Man.
from Field to City came ;
It slew their Heirs, their eldest Hopes,
thro' all the Tents of Ham.
- 52 But his own Tribe, like folded Sheep,
he brought from their Distress,
And them conducted like a Flock,
throughout the Wilderness.

- 53 He led 'em on, and in their Way,
no Cause of Fear they found ;
But march'd securely thro' those Deeps
in which their Foes were drown'd.
- 54 Nor ceas'd his Care, 'till them he brought
safe to his promis'd Land,
And to his holy Mount, the Prize
of his victorious Hand.
- 55 To them the out-cast Heathen's Land
he did by Lot divide ;
And in their Foes abandon'd Tents
made Isr'el's Tribe reside.

P A R T III.

- 56 Yet still they tempted, still provok'd
the Wrath of God most High ;
Nor would to practice his Commands
their stubborn Hearts apply.
- 57 But in their faithless Fathers steps
perversely chose to go ;
They turn'd aside, like Arrows shot
from some deceitful Bow.
- 58 For him to Fury they provok'd
with Altars set on high ;
And with their graven Images
inflam'd his Jealousy.
- 59 When God heard this, on Isr'el's Tribes,
his Wrath and Hatred fell ;
- 60 He quitted Shilo, and the Tents
where once he chose to dwell.
- 61 To vile Captivity his Ark,
his Glory to disdain,
- 62 His People to the Sword he gave,
Nor would his Wrath restrain.
- 63 Destructive War their ablest Youth
untimely did confound ;
No Virgin was to th' Altar led,
with Nuptial Garlands crown'd.
- 64 In Fight the Sacrificer fell,
the Priest a Victim bled ;
And Widows who their Deaths should mourn
themselves of Grief were dead.
- 65 Then, as a Giant, rous'd from Sleep,
whom Wine had thoroughly warm'd,
Shouts out aloud, the Lord awak'd,
and his proud Foe alarm'd.

- 66 He smote their Hosts, that from the Field
a scatter'd Remnant came,
With Wounds imprinted on their Backs
of everlasting Shame.
- 67 With Conquests crown'd, he, Joseph's Tents
and Ephraim's Tribe forsook ;
- 68 But Judah chose, and Sion's Mount
for his lov'd Dwelling took.
- 69 His Temple he erected there,
With Spires exalted high,
While deep and fixt, as that of Earth,
the strong Foundations lie.
- 70 His faithless Servant David too,
he for his Choice did own,
And from the Sheep-folds him advanc'd
to sit on Judah's Throne.
- 71 From tending on the teeming Ewes,
he brought him forth to feed
His own Inheritance, the Tribes
of Isr'el's chosen Seed.
- 72 Exalted thus, the Monarch prov'd
a faithful Shepherd still ;
He fed them with an upright Heart,
and guided them with Skill.

Psalm lxxix.

- 1 **B**Ehold, O God, how Heathen Hosts
have thy Possession seiz'd :
Thy sacred House they have defil'd,
thy holy City raz'd.
- 2 The mangled Bodies of thy Saints
abroad unbury'd lay ;
Their Flesh expos'd to savage Beasts,
and rav'nous Birds of Prey.
- 3 Quite thro' Jerus'lem was their Blood
like common Water shed ;
And none were left alive to pay
last Duties to the Dead.
- 4 The neighbouring Lands our small Remains,
with loud Reproaches wound ;
And we a Laughing-stock are made
to all the Nations round.
- 5 How long wilt thou be angry, Lord,
must we for ever mourn ?
Shall thy devouring jealous Rage,
like Fire, for ever burn ?

- 6 On foreign Lands that know not thee,
thy heavy Vengeance show'r
Those sinful Kingdoms let it crush,
that have not own'd thy Pow'r.
- 7 For their devouring Jaws have prey'd
on Jacob's chosen Race;
And to a barren Desert turn'd
their fruitful Dwelling-place.
- 8 O think not on our former Sins,
but speedily prevent
The utter Ruin of thy Saints,
almost with Sorrow spent.
- 9 Thou God of our Salvation, help,
and free our Souls from Blame;
So shall our Pardon and Defence
exalt thy glorious Name;
- 10 Let Infidels, that scoffing say,
where is the God they boast?
In Vengeance, for thy slaughter'd Saints
perceive thee to their Cost.
- 11 Lord, hear the sighing Pris'ners Moan,
thy saving Pow'r extend:
Preserve the Wretches doom'd to die,
from that untimely End.
- 12 On them, who us oppress, let all
our Suff'rings be repaid;
Make their Confusion sev'n Times more
than what on us they laid.
- 13 So we, thy People and thy Flock,
shall ever Praise thy Name;
And with glad Hearts our grateful Thanks
from Age to Age proclaim.

Psalm lxxx.

- 1 O Isr'el's Shepherd, Joseph's Guide,
our Pray'rs to thee vouchsafe to hear;
Thou that dost on the Cherubs ride,
again in Solemn State appear.
- 2 Behold, how Benjamin expects,
with Ephraim and Manass'eh join'd.
In our Deliv'rance, the Effects
of thy resistless Strength to find.
- Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
the Lustre of thy Face display;

- And all the Ills we suffer now
like scatter'd Clouds shall pass away.
- 4 O thou, whom heav'nly Hosts obey,
how long shall thy fierce Anger burn?
How long thy suff'ring People pray,
and to their Pray'rs have no Return?
- 5 When hungry, we are forc'd to drench
our scanty Food in Floods of Woe:
When dry, our raging Thirst we quench
with Streams of Tears that largely flow.
- 6 For us the Heathen Nations round,
as for a common Prey, contest;
Our Foes with spiteful joy abound,
And at our lost Condition jest.
- 7 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
the Lustre of thy Face display;
And all the Ills we suffer now,
like scatter'd Clouds shall pass away.

P A R T II.

- 8 Thou brought'st a Vine from Egypt's Land,
and casting out the Heathen Race,
Didst plant it with thy own Right-hand,
and firmly fixt it in their Place.
- 9 Before it thou prepar'd'st the Way,
and mad'st it take a lasting Root;
Which, blest with thy indulgent Ray,
O'er all the Land did widely shoot.
- 10, 11 The Hills were cover'd with its Shade,
Its goodly Boughs did Cedars seem;
Its Branches to the Sea were spread,
And reach'd to proud Euphrate's Stream.
- 12 Why then hast thou its Hedge o'erthrown,
which thou hast made so firm and strong?
While all its Grapes, defenceless grown,
are pluck'd by those that pass along.
- 13 See how the bristling Forest-Boar
with dreadful Fury lays it waste;
Hark how the savage Monsters roar,
and to their helpless Prey make haste.

P A R T III.

- 14 To thee, O God of Hosts, we pray;
thy wonted Goodness, Lord, renew:
From Heav'n thy Throne this Vine survey,
and her sad State with Pity view.

- 15 Behold the Vineyard, made by thee,
which thy Right-hand did guard so long;
And keep that Branch from Danger free,
Which for thyself thou mad'st so strong,
- 16 To wasting Flames 'tis made a Prey,
And all its spreading Boughs cut down;
At thy Rebuke they soon decay,
And perish at thy dreadful Frown.
- 17 Crown thou the King with good Success,
By thy Right-hand secur'd from Wrong;
The Son of Man in Mercy bless,
Whom for thyself thou mad'st so strong.
- 18 So shall we still continue free
From whatsoe'er deserves thy Blame;
And if once more reviv'd by thee,
Will always praise thy holy Name.
- 19 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
the Lustre of thy Face display;
And all the Ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd Clouds, shall pass away.

Psalm lxxxi.

- 1 **T**O God, our never-failing Strength,
with loud Applauses sing;
And jointly make a chearful Noise
to Jacob's awful King.
- 2 Compose a Hymn of Praise, and touch
your Instruments of Joy;
Let Psalteries and pleasant Harps
your grateful Skill employ.
- 3 Let Trumpets at the great New Moon
their joyful Voices raise,
To celebrate th' appointed Time,
the solemn Day of Praise.
- 4 For this a Statute was of old,
which Jacob's God decreed,
To be with pious Care observ'd
by Isr'el's chosen Seed.
- 5 This he for a Memorial fix'd
when freed from Egypt's Land,
Strange Nations barb'rous Speech we heard,
but could not understand.
- 6 " Your burthen'd Shoulders I reliev'd,
(thus seems our God to say)

- “ Your servile Hands by me were freed
 “ from lab’ring in the Clay.
- 7 “ Your Ancestors with Wrongs oppress’d,
 “ to me for Aid did call ;
 “ With Pity I their Suff’rings saw,
 “ and set them free from all.
 “ They fought for me, and from the Cloud
 “ in Thunder I reply’d ;
 “ At Meribah’s contentious Stream
 “ their Faith and Duty try’d.

P A R T II.

- 8 “ While I my solemn Will declare,
 “ my chosen People, hear ;
 “ If thou, O Isr’el, to my Words
 “ wilt bend thy list’ning Ear.
- 9 “ Then shalt no God besides myself
 “ within thy Coasts be found ;
 “ Nor shalt thou Worship any God
 “ of all the Nations round.
- 10 “ The Lord thy God am I, who thee
 “ brought forth from Egypt’s Land ;
 “ ’Tis I that all thy just Desires
 “ supply with lib’ral Hand.
- 11 “ But they, my chosen Race, refus’d
 “ to hearken to my Voice ;
 “ Nor would rebellious Isr’el’s Sons
 “ make me their happy Choice.”
- 12 So I, provok’d, resign’d them up
 to ev’ry Lust a Prey,
 And, in their own perverse Designs,
 permitted them to stray.
- 13 O that my People wisely would
 my just Commandments heed !
 And Isr’el in my righteous Ways
 with pious Care proceed !
- 14 Then should my heavy Judgments fall
 on all that them oppose,
 And my avenging Hand be turn’d
 against their num’rous Foes.
- 15 Their Enemies and mine, shall all
 before my Footstool bend ;
 But as for them, their happy State
 shall never know an End,

- 16 All Parts with Plenty shall abound ;
 with finest Wheat their Field :
 The barren Rocks, to please their Taste,
 should richest Honey yield.

Psalm lxxxii.

- 1 **G**OD in the great Assembly stands,
 where his impartial Eye,
 In State surveys the earthly Gods,
 and does their Judgments try.
- 2, 3 How dare you then unjustly judge,
 or be to Sinners kind ?
 Defend the Orphans and the Poor,
 let such your Justice find.
- 4 Protect the humble helpless Man,
 reduc'd to deep Distress,
 And let not him become a Prey
 to such as would oppress.
- 5 They neither know, nor will they learn,
 but blindly rove and stray ;
 Justice and Truth, the World's Support,
 thro' all the Land decay.
- 6 Well then may God in Anger say,
 " I've call'd you by my Name ;
 " I've said y'are Gods, the Sons and Heir
 " of my immortal Fame.
- 7 " But ne'ertheless your unjust Deeds
 " to strict Account I'll call ;
 " You all shall die like common Men,
 " like other Tyrants fall."
- 8 Arise, and thy just Judgment, Lord,
 throughout the Earth display :
 And all the Nations of the World
 shall own thy righteous Sway.

Psalm lxxxiii.

- 1 **H**OLD not thy Peace, O Lord our God
 no longer silent be ;
 Nor with consenting quiet Looks
 our Ruin calmly see !
- 2 For lo ! the Tumults of thy Foes
 o'er all the Lands are spread ;
 And they which hate thy Saints and thee
 lift up their threatn'ing Head.
- 3 Against thy zealous People, Lord,
 they craftily combine ;

And

And to destroy thy chosen Saints
have laid their close Design.

“ Come let us cut them off, say they,
“ their Nation quite deface;
“ That no Remembrance may remain
“ of Isr’el’s hated Race.”

Thus they against thy People’s Peace
consult with one Consent;
And diff’rent Nations jointly leagu’d,
their common Malice vent.
The Ishm’elites that dwell in Tents,
with warlike Edom join’d,
And Moab’s Sons our Ruin vow,
with Hagar’s Race combin’d.

Proud Ammon’s Offspring, Gebal too,
with Amalek conspire;
The Lords of Palestine, and all
the wealthy Sons of Tyre:
All these the strong Assyrian King
their firm Ally have got,
Who with a pow’rful Army aids
th’ Incestuous Race of Lot.

P A R T II.

But let such Vengeance come to them
as once to Midian came;
To Jabin and proud Sisera,
at Kishon’s fatal Stream.

When thy Right-hand their num’rous Hosts
near Endor did confound,
And left their Carcases for Dung
to feed the hungry Ground.

Let all their mighty Men the Fate
of Zeb and Oreb share;
As Zebah and Zalmunnah, so
let all their Princes fare.

Who with the same Design inspir’d,
thus vainly boasting spake,
“ In firm Possession for ourselves
“ let us God’s Houses take.”

To Ruin let them haste, like Wheels
which downwards swiftly move:
like Chaff before the Winds, let all
Their scattered Forces prove.

- 14, 15 As Flames consume dry Wood, or
 (Heath
 that on parch'd Mountains grows,
 So let thy fierce pursuing Wrath
 with Terror strike thy Foes.
- 16, 17 Lord, shroud their Faces with Disgrace,
 that they may own thy Name;
 Or them confound, whose harden'd Hearts
 thy gentler Means disclaim.
- 18 So shall the wond'ring World confess
 that thou, who claim'st alone
 Jehovah's Name, o'er all the Earth
 has rais'd thy lofty Throne.

Pfalm Ixxxiv.

- 1 O GOD of Hosts, the mighty Lord,
 how lovely is the Place
 Where thou, inthron'd in Glory, shew'st
 the Brightness of thy Face!
- 2 My longing Soul faints with Desire,
 to view thy blest Abode;
 My panting Heart and Flesh cry out
 for thee, the living God.
- 3 The Birds, more happy far than I,
 around thine Altars throng;
 Securely there they build, and there
 securely hatch their Young.
- 4 O Lord of Hosts, my King and God,
 how highly blest are they,
 Who in thy Temples always dwell,
 and there thy Praise display!
- 5 Thrice happy they, whose Choice has the
 their sure Protection made;
 Who long to tread the sacred Ways
 that to thy Dwelling lead!
- 6 Who pass thro' Baca's thrifty Vale,
 yet no Refreshment want;
 Their Pools are fill'd with Rain, which the
 at their Request doth grant.
- 7 Thus they proceed from Strength to Strength
 and still approach more near;
 Till all on Sion's holy Mount,
 before their God appear.
- 8 O Lord, the mighty God of Hosts,
 my just Request regard;

- Thou God of Jacob, let my Pray'r
be still with Favour heard.
- 9 Behold, O God, for thou alone
canst timely Aid dispense ;
On thy anointed Servant look,
be thou his strong Defence.
- 10 For in thy Courts one single Day
'tis better to attend,
Than, Lord, in any Place besides,
a thousand Days to spend,
Much rather in God's House will I
the meanest Office take,
Than in the wealthy Tents of Sin
my pompous Dwelling make.
- 11 For God who is our Sun and Shield,
will Grace and Glory give ;
And no good Thing will he with-hold
from them that justly live.
- 12 Thou God, whom heav'nly Hosts obey
how highly blest is he,
Whose Hope and Trust, securely plac'd,
is still repos'd on thee !

Psalm lxxxv.

- 1 **L**ORD, thou hast granted to thy Land,
the Favours we implor'd ;
And faithful Jacob's captive Race
has graciously restor'd.
- 2, 3 Thy People's Sins thou hast absolv'd,
and all their Guilt defac'd ;
Thou hast not let thy Wrath flame on,
nor thy fierce Anger last.
- 4 O God our Saviour, all our Hearts
to thy Obedience turn ;
That quench'd with our repenting Tears,
thy Wrath no more may burn.
- 5, 6 For why should'st thou be angry still,
and Wrath so long retain ?
Revive us, Lord, and let thy Saints
thy wonted Comfort gain,
- 7 Thy gracious Favour, Lord, display,
which we have long implor'd ;
And for thy wond'rous Mercies sake,
thy wonted Aid afford.

- 8 God's Answer patiently I'll wait,
for he, with glad Success,
(If they no more to Folly turn)
his mourning Saints will bless.
- 9 To all that fear his holy Name
his sure Salvation's near ;
And in its former happy State
our Nation shall appear.
- 10 For Mercy now with Truth is join'd,
and Righteousness with Peace,
Like kind Companions absent long,
With friendly Arms embrace.
- 11, 12 Truth from the Earth shall spring, whilst
shall Streams of Justice pour ;) Heav'n
And God from whom all Goodness flows,
shall endless Plenty show'r.
- 13 Before him Righteousness shall march,
and his just Paths prepare ;
Whilst we his holy Steps pursue,
with constant Zeal and Care.

Psalm lxxxvi.

- 1 **T**O my Complaint, O Lord my God,
thy gracious Ear incline ;
Hear me, distressed and destitute
of all Relief but thine !
- 2 Do thou, O God, preserve my Soul,
that does thy Name adore ;
Thy Servant keep, and him, whose Trust
relies on thee, restore.
- 3 To me, who daily thee invoke,
thy Mercy, Lord, extend :
- 4 Refresh thy Servant's Soul, whose Hopes
on thee alone depend.
- 5 Thou, Lord, art good, not only good,
but prompt to Pardon too :
Of plenteous Mercy to all those
who for thy Mercy sue.
- 6 To my repeated humble Pray'r,
O Lord, attentive be !
- 7 When troubled I will on thee call,
for thou wilt answer me.
Among the Gods there's none like thee,
O Lord, alone divine !

To thee as much inferior they,
as are their Works to thine.

- 9 Therefore their great Creator thee
the Nations shall adore,
Their long misguided Pray'rs and Praise,
to thy blest Name restore.
- 10 All shall confess thee great, and great
the Wonders thou hast done:
Confess thee God, the God supreme,
confess thee God alone.

P A R T II.

- 11 Teach me thy Way, O Lord, and I
from Truth shall ne'er depart;
In rev'rence to thy sacred Name
devoutly fix my Heart.
- 12 Thee will I praise, O Lord my God,
praise thee with Heart sincere,
And to thy everlasting Name
eternal Trophies rear.
- 13 Thy boundless Mercy shewn to me
transcends my Power to tell,
For thou hast oft redeem'd my Soul
from lowest Depths of Hell.
- 14 O God, the Sons of Pride and Strife
have my Destruction sought,
Regardless of thy Pow'r, that oft
has my Deliv'rance wrought.
- 15 But thou thy constant Goodness didst
to my Assistance bring;
Of Patience, Mercy, and of Truth,
thou everlasting Spring!
- 16 O bounteous Lord, thy Grace and Strength
to me thy Servant show;
Thy kind Protection, Lord, on me
thy handmaid's Son bestow.
- 17 Some Signal give, which my proud Foes
may see with Shame and Rage,
When thou, O Lord, for my Relief
and Comfort dost engage.

Pfalm lxxxvii.

G O D's Temple crowns the holy Mount:
the Lord there condescends to dwell;

- 2 His Sion's Gates, in his Account,
our Iſr'el's faireſt Tents excel.
- 3 Fame glorious Things of thee ſhall ſing,
O City of th' Almighty King!
- 4 I'll mention Rahab with due Praise,
in Babylon's Applauſes join,
The Fame of Ethiopia raiſe,
with that of Tyre and Paleſtine.
And grant that ſome amongſt them born
Their Age and Country did adorn.
- 5 But ſtill of Sion I'll aver,
that many ſuch from her proceed;
Th' Almighty ſhall eſtabliſh her.
- 6 His gen'ral Liſt ſhall ſhew, when read,
That ſuch a Perſon there was born,
And ſuch did ſuch an Age adorn.
- 7 He'll Sion find with Numbers fill'd
of ſuch as merit high Renown;
For Hand and Voice Muſician's ſkill'd,
and (her tranſcending Fame to crown)
Of ſuch ſhe ſhall Succeſſions bring,
Like Waters from a living Spring.

Pſalm lxxxviii.

- 1 **T**O thee, my God and Saviour, I
By Day and Night addreſs my Cry;
- 2 Vouchſafe my mournful Voice to hear,
To my Diſtreſs incline thine Ear:
- 3 For Seas of Trouble me invade,
My Soul draws nigh to Death's cold Shade.
- 4 Like one whoſe Strength and Hopes are fled,
They number me amongſt the Dead.
- 5 Like thoſe who ſhrouded in the Grave,
From thee no more Remembrance have;
- 6 Caſt off from thy ſuſtaining Care,
Down to the Conſines of Deſpair.
- 7 Thy Wrath has hard upon me lain,
Afflicting me with reſtleſs Pain;
Me all thy Mountain Waves have preſt,
Too weak, alas! to bear the leaſt.
- 8 Remov'd from Friends, I ſigh alone,
In a loath'd Dungeon laid, where none
A Viſit will vouchſafe to me,
Confin'd paſt Hopes of Liberty.

- 9 My Eyes from weeping never cease,
They waste, but still my Grievs increase;
Yet daily, Lord, to thee I've pray'd,
With out-stretch'd Hands invok'd thy Aid.
- 10 Wilt thou by Miracle revive
The Dead whom thou forsook'st alive?
From Death restore thy Praise to sing,
Whom thou from Prison would not bring.
- 11 Shall the mute Grave thy Love confess?
A mould'ring Tomb thy Faithfulness?
- 12 Thy Truth and Pow'r Renown obtain,
Where Darknes and Oblivion reign?
- 13 To thee, O Lord, I cry forlorn,
My Pray'r prevents the early Morn.
- 14 Why hast thou, Lord, my Soul forsook,
Nor once vouchsaf'd a gracious Look?
- 15 Prevailing Sorrows bear me down,
Which from my Youth with me have grown;
Thy Terrors past distract my Mind,
And Fears of blacker Days behind.
- 16 Thy Wrath has burst upon my Head,
Thy Terrors fill my Soul with Dread;
- 17 Environ'd as with Waves combin'd,
And for a gen'ral Deluge join'd.
- 18 My Lovers, Friends, Familiars all
Remov'd from Sight, and out of Call;
To dark Oblivion all retir'd,
Dead, or at least to me expir'd.

Psalm lxxxix.

- 1 **T**H Y Mercies, Lord, shall be my Song,
my Song on them shall ever dwell;
To Ages yet unborn my Tongue
thy never-failing Truth shall tell.
- 2 I have affirm'd, and still maintain,
thy Mercy shall for ever last;
Thy Truth that does the Heav'ns sustain,
like them shall stand for ever fast.
- 3 Thus spak'st thou by thy Prophet's Voice,
"with David I a League have made,
"To him my Servant and my Choice,
"my solemn Oath this Grant convey'd,
- 4 "While Earth, and Seas, and Skies endure,
"thy Seed shall in my Sight remain;

- " To them thy Throne I will insure,
 " they shall to endless Ages reign."
- 5 For such stupend'ous Truth and Love
 both Heav'n and Earth just Praises owe,
 By Choirs of Angels sung above,
 And by assembled Saints below.
- 6 What Seraph of celestial Birth
 to vie with Isr'el's God shall dare?
 Or who among the Gods of Earth,
 with our Almighty Lord compare?
- 7 With Rev'rence and religious Dread,
 his Saints should to his Temple press;
 His Fear thro' all their Hearts should spread,
 who his Almighty Name confess;
- 8 Lord God of Armies, who can boast
 of Strength or Pow'r like thine renown'd?
 Of such a num'rous faithful Host,
 as that which does thy Throne surround?
- 9 Thou dost the lawless Sea controul,
 and change the Prospect of the Deep:
 Thou mak'st the sleeping Billows roll,
 thou mak'st the rolling Billows sleep.
- 10 Thou brak'st in Pieces Rahab's Pride,
 and didst oppressing Pow'r disarm:
 Thy scatter'd Foes have dearly try'd
 the Force of thy resistless Arm.
- 11 In thee the sov'reign Right remains
 of Earth and Heav'n; thee, Lord, alone
 The World, and all that it contains,
 their Maker and Preserver own.
- 12 The Poles on which the Globe does rest,
 were form'd by thy creating Voice;
 Taber and Hermon, East and West,
 in thy sustaining Pow'r rejoice.
- 13 Thy Arm is mighty, strong thy Hand,
 yet, Lord, thou dost with Justice reign;
- 14 Possess of absolute Command,
 thou Truth and Mercy dost maintain.
- 15 Happy, thrice happy they, who hear
 thy sacred Trumpet's joyful Sound;
 Who may at Festivals appear,
 with thy most glorious Presence crown'd.
- 16 Thy Saints shall always be overjoy'd,
 who on thy sacred Name rely;

And

- And, in thy Righteousness employ'd,
 above their Foes be rais'd on high.
- 17 For in thy Strength they shall advance,
 whose Conquests from thy Favour spring,
- 18 The Lord of Hosts is our Defence,
 and Isr'el's God our Isr'el's King.
- 19 Thus spak'st thou by the Prophet's Voice,
 " A mighty Champion I will send ;
 " From Judah's Tribe have I made Choice
 " of one who shall the rest defend.
- 20 " My Servant David I have found,
 " with holy Oil anointed him ;
- 21 " Him shall the Hand support that crown'd,
 " and guard that gave the Diadem.
- 22 " No Prince from him shall Tribute force,
 " no Son of Strife shall him annoy ;
- 23 " His spiteful Foes I will disperse,
 " and them before his Face destroy.
- 24 " My Truth and Grace shall him sustain ;
 " his Armies in well-order'd Ranks,
- 25 " Shall conquer from the Tyrian Main
 " to Tygris and Euphrates Banks.
- 26 " Me for his Father he shall take,
 " his God and Rock of Safety call ;
- 27 " Him I my first-born Son will make,
 " and earthly Kings his Subjects all.
- 28 To him my Mercy I'll secure,
 " my Cov'nant make for ever fast ;
- 29 " His Seed for ever shall endure, (last.
 " his Throne, 'till Heav'n dissolves, shall

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- 30 " But if his Heirs my Law forsake,
 " and from my sacred Precepts stray,
- 31 " If they my righteous Statutes break,
 " nor strictly my Commands obey,
- 32 " Their Sins I'll visit with a Rod,
 " and for their Folly make them smart ;
- 33 " Yet will not cease to be their God,
 " nor from my Truth, like them, depart.
- 34 " My Cov'nant I will ne'er revoke,
 " but in Remembrance fast retain ;
 " The Thing that once my Lips have spoke
 " shall in eternal Force remain.

- 35 " Once have I sworn, but once for all,
 " and made my Holiness the Tie,
 " That I my grant will ne'er recall,
 " nor to my Servant David lie.
- 36 " Whose Throne and Race the constant Sun
 " shall like his Course, establish'd see ;
- 37 " Of this my Oath, thou conscious Moon,
 " in Heav'n my faithful Witness be."
- 38 Such was thy gracious Promise, Lord,
 but thou hast now our Tribes forfook,
 Thy own Anointed has abhorr'd,
 and turn'd on him thy wrathful Look.
- 39 Thou seemest to have render'd void
 the Cov'nant with thy Servant made,
 Thou hast his Dignity destroy'd,
 and in the Dust his Honour laid.
- 40 Of Strong-holds thou hast him bereft,
 and brought his Bulwarks to decay,
- 41 His frontier Coast defenceless left,
 a public Scorn and common Prey.
- 42 His Ruin does glad Triumphs yield
 to Foes advanc'd by thee to Might ;
- 43 Thou hast his conqu'ring Sword unsteel'd,
 his Valour turn'd to shameful Flight.
- 44 His Glory is to Darkness fled,
 his Throne is level'd with the Ground :
- 45 His Youth to wretched Bondage led,
 with Shame o'erwhelm'd, in Sorrow
 drown'd.
- 46 How long shall we thy Absence mourn ?
 wilt thou for ever, Lord, retire ?
 Shall thy consuming Anger burn
 till that and we at once expire ?
- 47 Consider, Lord, how short a space
 thou dost for mortal Life ordain ;
 No Method to prolong the Race,
 but loading it with Grief and Pain.
- 48 What Man is he that can controul
 Deaths strict, unalterable Doom ?
 Or rescue from the Grave his Soul,
 the Grave that must Mankind intomb ?
- 49 Lord, where's thy Love, thy boundless Grace
 the Oath to which thy Truth did seal,
 Confin'd to David and his Race,
 the Grant which Time should ne'er repeal?

- 50 See how thy Servants treated are
 with Infamy, Reproach, and Spite ;
 Which in my silent Breast I bear
 from Nations of licentious Might.
- 51 How they, reproaching thy great Name,
 have made thy Servant's Hope their Jest:
- 52 Yet thy just Praises we'll proclaim,
 and ever sing, 'The Lord be blest,
 Amen, Amen.

Psalm xc.

- 1 O LORD, the Saviour and Defence
 of us thy chosen Race,
 From Age to Age thou still hast been
 our sure Abiding-place,
- 2 Before thou brought'st the Mountains forth,
 or th' Earth and World didst frame,
 Thou always wert the mighty God,
 and ever art the same.
- 3 Thou turnest Man, O Lord, to Dust,
 of which he first was made ;
 And when thou speak'st the Word, Return,
 'tis instantly obey'd.
- 4 For in thy Sight a thousand Years
 are like a Day that's past,
 Or like a Watch in dead of Night,
 whose Hours unminded waste.
- 5 Thou sweep'st us off, as with a Flood,
 we vanish hence like Dreams ;
 At first we grow like Grass that feels
 the Sun's reviving Beams.
- 6 But howsoever fresh and fair
 its Morning Beauty shows ;
 'Tis all cut down, and wither'd quite,
 before the Ev'ning close.
- 7, 8 We by thine Anger are consum'd,
 and by thy Wrath dismay'd :
 Our publick Crimes and secret Sins
 before thy Sight are laid.
- 9 Beneath thy Anger's sad Effects
 our drooping Days we spend ;
 Our unregarded Years break off,
 like Tales that quickly end,

- 10 Our Term of Time is seventy Years,
 an Age that few survive;
 But if, with more than common Strength,
 to eighty we arrive;
 Yet then our boasted Strength decays,
 To Sorrow turn'd and Pain;
 So soon the slender Thread is cut,
 and we no more remain.

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- 11 But who thy Anger's dread Effects
 does, as he ought, revere?
 And yet thy Wrath does fall or rise,
 as more or less we fear.
- 12 So teach us, Lord, the uncertain Sum
 of our short Days to mind,
 That to true Wisdom all our Hearts
 may ever be inclin'd.
- 13 O to thy Servants, Lord, return,
 And speedily relent!
 As we of our Misdeeds, do thou
 of our just Doom repent.
- 14 To satisfy and cheer our Souls,
 thy early Mercy send;
 That we may all our Days to come,
 in Joy and Comfort spend.
- 15 Let happy Times with large Amends,
 dry up our former Tears;
 Or equal at the least the Term
 of our afflicted Years.
- 16 To all thy Servants, Lord, let this
 thy wond'rous Works be known,
 And to our Offspring, yet unborn,
 thy glorious Pow'r be shown.
- 17 Let thy bright Rays upon us shine,
 give thou our Work Success;
 The glorious Work we have in Hand
 do thou vouchsafe to bless.

Psalm xci.

- 1 **H**E that has God his Guardian made,
 shall under the Almighty Shade,
 Secure and undisturb'd abide,
- 2 Thus to my Soul, of him I'll say,
 He is my Fortress and my Stay,
 My God, in whom I will confide,

- 3 His tender Love and watchful Care
Shall free thee from the Fowler's Snare,
And from the noisome Pestilence:
- 4 He over thee his Wings shall spread,
And cover thy unguarded Head:
His Truth shall be thy strong Defence.
- 5 No Terrors, that surprise by Night,
Shall thy undaunted Courage fright,
Nor deadly Shafts that fly by Day;
- 6 Nor Plague, of unknown Rise, that kills
In Darkness, nor infectious Ills,
That in the hottest Season slay.
- 7 A Thousand at thy Side shall die,
At thy Right-hand ten Thousand lie,
While thy firm Health untoucht remains:
- 8 Thou only shalt look on and see
The Wicked's sad Catastrophe,
And count the Sinners mournful Gains.
- 9 Because (with well-plac'd Confidence)
Thou mak'st the Lord thy sure Defence,
And on the Highest dost rely;
- 10 Therefore no Ill shall thee befall,
Nor to thy healthful Dwelling shall
Any infectious Plague draw nigh.
- 11 For he, throughout thy happy Days,
To keep thee safe in all thy Ways,
Shall give his Angels strict Commands:
- 12 And they, lest thou shouldst chance to meet
With some rough Stone to wound thy Feet,
Shall bear thee safely in their Hands.
- 13 Dragons and Asps that thirst for Blood,
And Lions roaring for their Food,
Beneath his conqu'ring Feet shall lie,
- 14 Because he lov'd and honour'd me,
Therefore (says God) I'll set him free,
And fix his glorious Throne on high.
- 15 He'll call; I'll answer when he calls,
And rescue him when Ill befalls:
Increase his Honour and his Wealth:
- 16 And when, with undisturb'd Content,
His long and happy Life is spent,
His End I'll crown with saving Health.

Psalm xcii.

- 1 **H**OW good and pleasant must it be
to thank the Lord most high !
And with repeated Hymns of Praise,
his Name to magnify.
- 2 With ev'ry Morning's early Dawn,
his Goodness to relate ;
And of his constant Truth each Night,
the glad Effects repeat.
- 3 To ten-string'd Instruments we'll sing,
with tuneful Psalt'ries join'd ;
And to the Harp, with solemn Sounds,
for sacred Use design'd.
- 4 For thro' thy wond'rous Works, O Lord,
thou mak'st my Heart rejoice ;
The Thoughts of them shall make me glad,
and shout with chearful Voice.
- 5, 6 How wond'rous are thy Works, O Lord,
how deep are thy Decrees !
Whose winding Tracks in secret laid,
no stupid Sinner sees.
- 7 He little thinks, when wicked Men,
like Grass look fresh and gay,
How soon their short-liv'd Splendor must
for ever pass away.
- 8, 9 But thou, my God, art still most high ;
and all thy lofty Foes,
Who thought they might securely sin,
shall be o'erwhelm'd with Woes.
- 10 Whilst thou exalt'st my sov'reign Pow'r,
and mak'st it largely spread ;
And with refreshing Oil anoint'st
my consecrated Head,
- 11 I soon shall see my stubborn Foes
to utter Ruin brought ;
And hear the dismal End of those
who have against me fought.
- 12 But righteous Men, like fruitful Palms,
shall make a glorious Show ;
As Cedars that in Libanon,
in stately Order grow.
- 13, 14 These, planted in the House of God,
within his Courts shall thrive ;
Their

Their Vigour and their Lustre both
shall in old Age revive.

- 15 Thus will the Lord his Justice shew,
and God, my strong Defence,
Shall due Rewards to all the World
impartially dispense.

Psalm xciii.

- 1 **W**ITH Glory clad, with Strength array'd,
the Lord, that o'er all Nature reigns,
The World's Foundation strongly laid,
and the vast Fabrick still sustains.
2 How surely 'stablisht is thy Throne!
which shall no Change or Period see;
For thou, O Lord, and thou alone,
art God from all Eternity.
3, 4 The Floods, O Lord, lift up their Voice,
and toss the troubled Waves on high;
But God above can still their Noise,
and make the angry Sea comply.
5 Thy Promise, Lord, is ever sure;
and they that in thy House would dwell,
That happy station to secure,
must still in Holiness excel.

Psalm xciv.

- 1, 2 **O** GOD, to whom Revenge belongs,
thy Vengeance now disclose;
Arise, thou Judge of all the Earth,
and crush thy haughty Foes.
3, 4 How long, O Lord, shall sinful Men
their solemn Triumphs make?
How long their wicked Actions boast;
and insolently speak?
5, 6 Not only they thy Saints oppress,
but unprovok'd they spill
The Widows and the Strangers Blood,
and helpless Orphans kill.
7 " And yet the Lord shall ne'er perceive,
(prophanely thus they speak)
" Nor any Notice of our Deeds
" the God of Jacob take.
8 At length, ye stupid Fools, your Wants
endeavour to discern,
In Folly will you still proceed,
and Wisdom never learn?

- 9, 10 Can he be deaf who form'd the Ear,
Or blind who fram'd the Eye?
Shall Earth's great Judge not punish those
who his known Will defy?
- 11 He fathoms all the Thoughts of Men,
to him their Hearts lie bare;
His Eye surveys them all, and sees
how vain their Counsels are.

P A R T II.

- 12 Blest is the Man whom thou, O Lord,
in Kindness dost chastise;
And by thy sacred Rules to walk
dost lovingly advise.
- 13 This Man shall Rest and Safety find
in Seasons of Distress:
Whilst God prepares a Pit for those
that stubbornly transgress.
- 14 For God will never from his Saints
his Favour wholly take;
His own Possession and his Lot,
he will not quite forsake.
- 15 The World shall then confess thee just,
in all that thou hast done;
And those that choose thy upright Ways,
shall in those Paths go on.
- 16 Who will appear in my Behalf,
when wicked Men invade?
Or who, when Sinners would oppress,
my righteous Cause shall plead?
- 17, 18, 19. Long since had I in Silence slept,
but that the Lord was near,
To stay me when I slipt; when sad,
my troubled Heart to cheer.
- 20 Wilt thou, who art a God most just,
their sinful Throne sustain,
Who make the Law a fair Pretence
their wicked Ends to gain?
- 21 Against the Lives of righteous Men
they form their close Design;
And Blood of Innocence to spill,
in solemn League combine.
- 22 But my Defence is firmly plac'd
in God the Lord most High;

He is my Rock, to which I may
for Refuge always fly.

- 23 The Lord shall cause their ill Designs
on their own Heads to fall ;
He in their Sins shall cut them off,
our God shall slay them all.

Psalm xcv.

- 1 O Come, loud Anthems let us sing,
Loud Thanks to our Almighty King,
For we our Voices high should raise,
When our Salvation's Rock we praise.
- 2 Into his Presence let us haste,
To thank him for his Favours past :
To him address, in joyful Songs,
The Praise that to his Name belongs.
- 3 For God the Lord, enthron'd in State,
Is, with unrival'd Glory, great ;
A King superior far to all,
Whom, by his Title, God we call.
- 4 The Depths of Earth are in his Hand,
Her secret Wealth at his Command ;
The Strength of Hills that threat the Skies
Subjected to his Empire lies.
- 5 The rolling Ocean's vast Abyss
By the same sov'reign Right is his ;
'Tis mov'd by his Almighty Hand,
That form'd and fix'd the solid Land.
- 6 O let us to his Courts repair,
And bow with Adoration there,
Down on our Knees devoutly all
Before the Lord our Maker fall.
- 7 For he's our God, our Shepherd he,
His Flock and Pasture-sheep are we ;
If then you'll (like his Flock) draw near,
To-day if you his Voice will hear.
- 8 Let not your harden'd Hearts renew
Your Fathers Crimes and Judgments too ;
Nor here provoke my Wrath, as they
In desert Plains of Meribah !
- 9 When thro' the Wilderness they mov'd,
And me with fresh Temptations prov'd ;
They still, thro' unbelief, rebell'd,
While they my wond'rous Work beheld
- 10, 11 They

- 10, 11 They, forty Years, my Patience griev'd,
 Tho' daily I their Wants reliev'd;
 Then---'Tis a faithless Race, I said,
 Whose Heart from me has always stray'd;
 They ne'er will tread thy righteous Path;
 Therefore to them in settled Wrath,
 Since they despis'd my Rest, I swear,
 That they shall never enter there.

Psalm xcvi.

- 1 SING to the Lord a new-made Song,
 Let Earth in one assembled Throng,
 Her common Patron's Praise resound.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, and bless his Name,
 From Day to Day his Praise proclaim,
 Who us has with Salvation crown'd,
- 3 To Heathen Lands his Fame rehearse,
 His Wonders to the Universe.
- 4 He's great, and greatly to be prais'd;
 In Majesty and Glory rais'd
 Above all other Deities:
- 5 For Pageantry and Idols all,
 Are they whom Gods the Heathen call;
 He only rules who made the Skies.
- 6 With Majesty and Honour crown'd,
 Beauty and Strength his Throne surround.
- 7 Be therefore both to him restor'd,
 By you, who have false Gods ador'd,
 Ascribe due Honour to his Name;
- 8 Peace-Off'rings on his Altar lay,
 Before his Throne your Homage pay,
 Which he, and he alone, can claim.
- 9 To worship at his sacred Court
 Let all the trembling World resort.
- 10 Proclaim aloud, Jehovah reigns,
 Whose Pow'r the Universe sustains,
 And banish'd Justice will restore;
- 11 Let therefore Heav'n new Joys confess,
 And heav'nly Mirth let Earth express,
 Its loud Applause the Ocean roar;
 Its mute Inhabitants rejoice,
 And for this Triumph find a Voice.
- 12 For Joy let fertile Vallies sing,
 The chearful Groves their Tribute bring;
 The

- The tuneful Choir of Birds awake,
 13 The Lord's Approach to celebrate,
 Who now sets out with awful State,
 His Circuit thro' the Earth to take:
 From Heav'n to judge the World he's come,
 With Justice to reward and doom.

Psalm xcvi.

- 1 J Ehovah reigns, let all the Earth
 in his just Government rejoice;
 Let all the Isles with sacred Mirth,
 in his Applause unite their Voice.
 2 Darknefs and Clouds of awful Shade
 his dazling Glory shroud in State;
 Justice and Truth his Guards are made,
 and fix'd by his Pavilion wait.
 3 Devouring Fire before his Face,
 his Foes around with Vengeance struck;
 4 His Lightning set the World on Blaze,
 Earth saw it, and with Terror shook.
 5 The proudest Hills his Presence felt,
 their Height nor Strength could Help afford,
 The proudest Hills like Wax did melt
 in Presence of th' Almighty Lord.
 6 The Heav'ns, his Righteousness to show,
 with Storms of Fire our Foes pursu'd;
 And all the trembling World below,
 have his descending Glory view'd.
 7 Confounded be their impious Host,
 who make the Gods to whom they pray;
 All who of Pageant Idols boast,
 To him, ye Gods, your Worship pay.
 8 Glad Sion of thy Triumph heard,
 and Judah's Daughters were o'erjoy'd;
 Because thy righteous Judgments, Lord,
 have Pagan Pride and Power destroy'd.
 9 For thou, O God, art seated high,
 above Earth's Potentates enthron'd;
 Thou Lord, unrival'd in the Sky,
 supreme by all the Gods art own'd.
 10 You, who to serve this Lord aspire,
 abhor what's ill, and Truth esteem:
 He'll keep his Servant's Soul entire,
 and them from wicked Hands redeem.

- 11 For Seeds are sown of glorious Light,
a future Harvest for the Just;
And Gladness for the Heart that's right,
to recompence his pious Trust.
- 12 Rejoice, ye Righteous, in the Lord,
Memorials of his Holiness,
Deep in your faithful Breasts record
and with your thankful Tongues confess.

Psalm xcviil.

- 1 SING to the Lord a new-made Song,
who wond'rous Things has done;
With his Right-hand and holy Arm
the Conquest he has won.
- 2 The Lord has thro' th' astonisht World
display'd his saving Might,
And made his righteous Acts appear
in all the Heathens Sight.
- 3 Of Isr'el's House, his Love and Truth
have ever mindful been:
Wide Earth's remotest Parts the Pow'r
of Isr'el's God have seen.
- 4 Let therefore Earth's Inhabitants
their chearful Voices raise,
And all with universal Joy,
resound their Maker's Praise.
- 5 With Harp and Hymns soft Melody,
into the Confort bring,
- 6 The Trumpet and shrill Cornets Sound,
before th' Almighty King.
- 7 Let the loud Ocean roar her Joy,
with all that Seas contain;
The Earth and her Inhabitants
join Confort with the Main.
- 8 With Joy let Riv'lets swell to Streams,
to spreading Torrents they:
And echoing Vales, from Hill to Hill,
redoubled Shouts convey;
- 9 To welcome down the World's great Judge,
who does with Justice come,
And with impartial Equity,
Both to reward and doom.

Psalm xcix.

- 1 JEHOVAH reigns, let therefore all
the guilty Nations quake;

- On Cherubs Wings he sits enthron'd :
 let Earth's Foundation shake.
- 2 On Sion's Hill he keeps his Court,
 his Palace makes her Tow'rs ;
 Yet thence his Sov'reignty extends
 supreme o'er earthly Powers.
- 3 Let therefore all with Praise address
 his great and dreadful Name ;
 And with his unresisted Might,
 his Holiness proclaim.
- 4 For Truth and Justice, in his Reign,
 of Strength and Pow'r take Place ;
 His Judgments are with Righteousness
 dispens'd to Jacob's Race.
- 5 Therefore exalt the Lord our God,
 before his Footstool fall ;
 And with his unresisted Might,
 his Holiness extol.
- 6 Moses and Aaron thus of old,
 amongst the Priests ador'd,
 Amongst his Prophets Samuel thus
 his sacred Name implor'd.
- Distress'd, upon the Lord they call'd,
 who ne'er their Suit deny'd ;
 But, as with Rev'rence they implor'd,
 he graciously reply'd.
- 7 For with their Camp, to guide their March,
 the cloudy Pillar mov'd :
 They kept his Laws, and to his Will
 obedient Servants prov'd.
- 8 He answer'd them, forgiving oft
 his People for their Sake,
 And those who rashly them oppos'd
 did sad Examples make.
- 9 With Worship at his sacred Courts
 exalt our God and Lord ;
 For he, who only holy is,
 alone should be ador'd.

Psalm C.

- 1, 2 **W**ITH one Consent let all the Earth
 to God their chearful Voices raise ;
 Glad Homage pay with awful Mirth,
 and sing before him Songs of Praise ;

- 3 Convinc'd that he is God alone,
 from whom both we and all proceed ;
 We, whom he choofes for his own,
 the Flock that he vouchsafes to keep.
- 4 O enter then his Temple-Gate,
 thence to his Courts devoutly prefs,
 And ftill your grateful Hymns repeat,
 and ftill his Name with Praifes blefs.
- 5 For he's the Lord, supremely good,
 his Mercy is for ever fure ;
 His Truth, which always firmly flood,
 to endless Ages fhall endure.

Pfalm ci.

- 1 **O**F Mercy's never-failing Spring,
 And ftedfaft Judgment I will fing ;
 And fince they both to thee belong,
 To thee, O Lord, addrefs my Song.
- 2 When, Lord, thou fhalt with me refide,
 Wife Difcipline my Reign fhall guide ;
 With blamelefs Life myfelf I'll make
 A Pattern for my Court to take.
- 3 No ill Design will I purfue,
 Nor thofe my Fav'rites make that do.
- 4 Who to Reproof bears no Regard,
 Him I will totally difcard.
- 5 The private Slanderer fhall be
 In publick Juftice doom'd by me :
 From haughty Looks I'll turn afide,
 And mortify the Heart of Pride ;
- 6 But Honefty call'd from her Cell,
 In Splendor at my Court fhall dwell :
 Who Virtue's Practice make their Care,
 Shall have the firft Preferments there.
- 7 No Politicks fhall recommend
 His Country's Foe to be my Friend :
 None e'er fhall to my Favour rife
 By flatt'ring or malicious Lies.
- 8 All thofe who wicked Courfes take,
 An early Sacrifice I'll make ;
 Cut off, destroy, till none remain,
 God's holy City to prophane,

Psalm cii.

- 1 **W**HEN I pour out my Soul in Pray'r,
do thou, O Lord, attend,
To thy eternal Throne of Grace
let my sad Cry ascend.
- 2 O hide not thou thy glorious Face
in Times of deep Distress,
Incline thine Ear, and when I call
my Sorrows soon redress.
- 3 Each cloudy Portion of my Life,
like scatter'd Smoke expires ;
My shrivel'd Bones are like a Hearth,
that's parch'd with constant Fires.
- 4 My Heart, like Grass, that feels the Blast
of some infectious Wind,
Does languish so with Grief, that scarce
my needful Food I mind.
- 5 By reason of my sad Estate,
I spend my Breath in Groans ;
My Flesh is worn away, my Skin
scarce hides my starting Bones.
- 6 I'm like a Pelican become,
that does in Desarts mourn ;
Or like an Owl, that sits all Day
on barren Trees forlorn.
- 7 In watchings, or in restless Dreams
the Night by me is spent ;
As by those solitary Birds
that lonesome Roofs frequent.
- 8 All Day by railing Foes I'm made
the Subject of their Scorn ;
Who all, possess with furious Rage,
have my Destruction sworn.
- 9 When grov'ling on the Ground I lie,
oppress'd with Grief and Fears,
My Bread is strew'd with Ashes o'er,
my Drink is mix'd with Tears.
- 10 Because on me with double Weight
thy heavy Wrath does lie ;
For thou, to make my Fall more great,
didst lift me up on high.
- 11 My Days, just hast'ning to their End,
are like an Ev'ning Shade ;

- My Beauty does, like withered Grass,
with waning Lustre fade.
- 12 But thy eternal State, O Lord,
no Length of Time shall waste;
The Mem'ry of thy won'drous Works,
from Age to Age shall last.
- 13 Thou shalt arise, and Sion view
with an unclouded Face;
For now her Time is come, thy own
appointed Day of Grace.
- 14 Her scatter'd Ruins by thy Saints
with Pity are survey'd;
They grieve to see her lofty Spires
in Dust and Rubbish laid.
- 15, 16 The Name and Glory of the Lord
all Heathen Kings shall fear;
When he shall Sion build again,
and in full State appear.
- 17, 18 When he regards the Poor's Request,
nor slight's their earnest Pray'r;
Our Sons, for this recorded Grace,
shall his just Praise declare.
- 19 For God, from his Abode on high,
his gracious Beams display'd;
The Lord from Heav'n his lofty Throne,
has all the Earth survey'd.
- 20 He listen'd to the Captives Moans,
he heard their mournful Cry,
And freed by his resistless Pow'r
the Wretches doom'd to die.
- 21 That they in Sion where he dwells,
might celebrate his Fame,
And through the holy City sing
loud Praises to his Name.
- 22 When all the Tribes assembling there,
their solemn Vows address,
And neighb'ring Lands, with glad Consent,
the Lord their God confess.
- 23 But e'er my Race is run, my Strength
thro' his fierce Wrath decays;
He has, when all my Wishes bloom'd,
cut short my hopeful Days.
- 24 Lord, end not thou my Life, said I,
when half is scarcely past;

- Thy Years from worldly Changes free,
to endless Ages last.
- 25 The strong Foundations of the Earth
of old by thee were laid ;
Thy Hands the beauteous Arch of Heav'n
with wond'rous Skill have made.
- 26, 27 Whilst thou for ever shalt endure,
they soon shall pass away ;
And, like a Garment often worn, ;
shall tarnish and decay.
- Like that, when thou ordain'st their Change,
to thy Command they bend ;
But thou continu'st still the same,
nor have thy Years an End.
- 28 Thou to the Children of thy Saints
shalt lasting Quiet give ;
Whose happy Race, securely fixt,
shall in thy Presence live.

Psalm ciii.

- 1, 2 **M**Y Soul, inspir'd with sacred Love,
God's holy Name for ever blefs ;
Of all his Favours mindful prove,
and still thy grateful Thanks express.
- 3, 4 'Tis he that all thy Sins forgives,
and after Sicknefs makes thee sound ;
From Dangers he thy Life retrieves,
by him with Grace and Mercy crown'd.
- 5, 6 He with good Things my Mouth supplies,
thy Vigour, Eagle-like, renews ;
He, when the guiltless Suff'rer cries,
his Foe with just Revenge pursues.
- 7 God made of old his righteous Ways
to Moses and our Fathers known ;
His Works to his eternal Praise,
were to the Sons of Jacob shown.
- 8 The Lord abounds with tender Love,
and unexampled Acts of Grace ;
His waken'd Wrath does slowly move ;
his willing Mercy flows apace.
- 9, 10 God will not always harshly chide,
but with his Anger quickly part ;
And loves his Punishments to guide,
more by his Love than our Desert.

- 11 As high as Heav'n its Arch extends,
above this little Spot of Clay;
So much his boundless Love transcends,
the small Respects that we can pay.
- 12, 13, As far as 'tis from East to West,
so far has he our Sins remov'd;
Who with a Father's tender Breast,
has such as fear him always lov'd.
- 14, 15 For God, who all our Frame surveys,
considers that we are but Clay;
How fresh soe'er we seem, our Days
like Grass or Flow'rs must fade away.
- 16, 17 Whilst they are nipt with sudden Blasts,
nor can we find their former Place:
God's faithful Mercy ever lasts,
to those that fear him, and their Race.
- 18 This shall attend on such as still
proceed in his appointed way;
And who not only know his Will;
but to his just Obedience pay.
- 19, 20 The Lord, the universal King,
in Heav'n has fixt his lofty throne:
To him, ye Angels, Praises sing, (shown.
in whose great Strength his Pow'r is
Ye that his just Commands obey,
and hear and do his sacred Will;
- 21 Ye Hosts of his, his Tribute pay,
who still what he ordains fulfil.
- 22 Let every Creature jointly bless
the mighty Lord; and thou my Heart
With grateful Joy thy Thanks express,
and in this Consort bear thy Part.

Psalm civ.

- 1 BLESS God, my Soul; thou, Lord, alone,
possesseth Empire without Bounds;
With Honour thou art crown'd, thy Throne
eternal Majesty surrounds.
- 2 With Light thou dost thyself enrobe,
and Glory for a Garment take:
Heav'n's Curtains stretch beyond the Globe
thy Canopy of State to make.
- God builds on liquid Air, and forms
his Palace-Chambers in the Skies;

- The Clouds his Chariots are, and Storms
the swift-wing'd Steeds with which he flies.
4 As bright as Flame, as swift as Wind,
his Ministers Heav'n's Palace fill,
To have their sundry Tasks assign'd ;
all proud to serve their Sov'reign's Will.
- 5, 6 Earth on her Center fixt he set,
her Face with Waters overspread :
Nor proudest Mountains dar'd, as yet,
to lift above the Waves their Head.
- 7 But when thy awful Face appear'd
th' insulting Waves dispers'd ; they fled,
When once thy Thunder's Voice they heard,
and by their Haste confess'd their Dread.
- 8 Thence up, by secret Tracts they creep,
and, gushing from the Mountain's Side,
Thro' Valleys travel to the Deep,
appointed to receive their Tide.
- 9 There hast thou fixt the Ocean's Bounds,
the threat'ning Surges to repel ;
That they no more o'erpass their Mounds,
nor to a second Deluge swell.

P A R T II.

- 10 Yet thence in smaller Parties drawn,
the Sea recovers her lost Hills ;
And starting Springs from ev'ry Lawn,
surprize the Vales with plenteous Rills.
- 11 The Fields tame Beasts are thither led,
weary with Labour, faint with Drought ;
And Asses on wild Mountains bred,
have Sense to find these Currents out.
- 12 There shady Trees, from scorching Beams,
yield Shelter to the feather'd Throng ;
They drink, and to the bounteous Streams
return the Tribute of their Song.
- 13 His Rains from Heav'n parcht Hills recruit,
that soon transmit the liquid Store ;
Till Earth is burden'd with her Fruit,
and Nature's Lap can hold no more.
- 14 Grass for our Cattle to devour,
he makes the Growth of ev'ry Field ;
Herbs for Man's Use, of various Pow'r,
that either Food or Physick yield.

- 15 With cluster'd Grapes he crowns the Vine,
to chear Man's Heart oppress'd with Cares,
Gives Oil that makes his Face to shine,
and Corn, that wasted Strength repairs.

P A R T III.

- 16 The Trees of God, without the Care
or Art of Man, with Sap are fed :
The Mountain-Cedar looks as fair
as those in Royal Gardens bred.
- 17 Safe in the lofty Cedar's Arms
the Wond'ers of the Air may rest :
The hospitable Pine from Harms
protects the Stork, her pious Guest.
- 18 Wild Goats the craggy Rock ascend,
its tow'ring Heights their Fortrefs make,
Whose Cells in Labyrinths extend,
where feeble Creatures Refuge take.
- 19 The Moon's inconstant Aspect shows
th' appointed Seasons of the Year ;
Th' instructed Sun his Duty knows,
his Hours to rise and disappear.
- 20, 21 Darknefs he makes the Earth to shroud,
when Forest-Beasts securely stray ;
Young Lions roar their Wants aloud
to Providence, that sends them Prey.
- 22 They range all Night, on Slaughter bent,
'till summon'd by the rising Morn,
To sculk in Dens, with one Consent,
the conscious Ravagers return.
- 23 Forth to the Tillage of his Soil,
the Husbandman securely goes,
Commencing with the Sun his Toil,
with him returns to his Repose.
- 24 How various, Lord, thy Works are found,
for which thy Wisdom we adore !
The Earth is with thy Treasure crown'd,
'till Nature's Hand can grasp no more.

P A R T IV.

- 25 But still the vast unfathom'd Main,
of Wonders a new Scene supplies,
Whose Depths Inhabitants contain
of ev'ry Form and ev'ry Size.
- 26 Full-freighted Ships from ev'ry Port,
there cut their unmolested Way ;
Leviathan

- Leviathan, whom there to sport
thou mad'st, has Compass there to play.
- 17 These various Troops of Sea and Land,
in Sense of common Want agree ;
All wait on thy dispensing Hand,
and have their daily Alms from thee.
- 18 They gather what thy Stores disperse,
without their Trouble to provide :
Thou op'st thy Hand, the Universe,
the craving World is all supply'd.
- 29 Thou for a Moment hid'st thy Face,
the num'rous Ranks of Creatures mourn,
Thou tak'st their Breath, all Nature's Race
forthwith to Mother Earth return.
- 30 Again thou send'st thy Spirit forth,
t'inspire the Mass with vital Seed ;
Nature's restor'd, and Parent-Earth
smiles on her new-created Breed.
- 31 Thus thro' successive Ages stands
firm fixt, thy providential Care ;
Pleas'd with the Work of thy own Hands,
thou dost the Wastes of Time repair.
- 32 One Look of thine, one wrathful Look,
Earth's panting Breast with Terror fills ;
One Touch from thee with Clouds of Smoke,
in Darknes shrouds the proudest Hills.
- 33 In praising God, while he prolongs
my Breath, I will that Breath employ ;
- 34 And join Devotion to my Songs,
sincere, as is in him my Joy.
- 35 While Sinners from Earth's Face are hurl'd,
my Soul, praise thou his holy Name,
Till, with thy Song, the list'ning World
join Consort, and his Praise proclaim.

Psalm cv.

- 1 O Render Thanks, and bless the Lord ;
invoke his sacred Name ;
Acquaint the Nations with his Deeds,
His matchless Deeds proclaim.
- 2 Sing to his Praise in lofty Hymns,
his wond'rous Works rehearse ;
Make them the Theme of your Discourse,
and Subject of your Verse.

- 3 Rejoice in his Almighty Name,
alone to be ador'd :
And let their Heart o'erflow with Joy,
that humbly seek the Lord.
- 4 Seek ye the Lord, his saving Strength
devoutly still implore :
And, where he's ever present, seek
his Face for evermore.
- 5 The Wonders that his Hands have wrought
keep thankfully in Mind ;
The righteous Statutes of his Mouth,
and Laws to us assign'd.
- 6 Know ye his Servant Abr'am's Seed,
and Jacob's chosen Race,
- 7 He's still our God, his Judgments still
throughout the Earth take Place.
- 8 His Cov'nant he has kept in Mind
for num'rous Ages past ;
Which yet for thousand Ages more,
in equal Force shall last.
- 9 First sign'd by Abr'am, next by Oath
to Isaac made secure ;
- 10 To Jacob and his Heirs a Law
for ever to endure.
- 11 That Canaan's Land should be their Lot,
when yet but few they were :
- 12 But few in Number, and those few
all friendless Strangers there.
- 13 In Pilgrimage, from Realm to Realm,
securely they remov'd ;
- 14 Whilst proudest Monarchs for their sakes
severely he reprov'd.
- 15 " These mine Anointed are, said he,
" let none my Servants wrong ;
" Nor treat the poorest Prophet ill,
" that does to me belong."
- 16 A Dearth at last, by his Command,
did through the Land prevail ;
Till Corn, the chief Support of Life,
sustaining Corn did fail.
- 17 But his indulgent Providence
had pious Joseph sent,
Sold into Egypt, but their Death
who sold him to prevent.

- 18 His Feet with heavy Chains were crush'd,
with Calumny his Fame ;
19 Till God's appointed Time and Word
to his Deliv'rance came.
20 The King his sov'reign Orders sent,
and rescu'd him with Speed ;
Whom private Malice had confin'd,
the People's Ruler freed.
21 His Court, Revenues, Realm, were all
subjected to his Will :
22 His greatest Princes to control,
and teach his Statesmen Skill.

P A R T II.

- 23 To Egypt then, invited Guests,
half-famish'd Isr'el came ;
And Jacob held by Royal Grant,
the fertile Soil of Ham.
24 Th' Almighty there with such Increase
his People multiply'd ;
Till with their proud Oppressors they
in Strength and Number vy'd.
25 Their vast Increase th' Egyptians Hearts
with jealous Anger fir'd,
Till they his Servants to destroy
by treach'rous Arts conspir'd.
26 His Servant Moses then he sent,
his chosen Aaron too ;
27 Empower'd with Signs and Miracles,
to prove their Mission true.
28 He call'd for Darkness, Darkness came,
Nature his Summons knew ; (Blood,
29 Each Stream and Lake transform'd to
the wond'ring Fishes flew.
30 In putred Floods, throughout the Land,
the Pest of Frogs was bred ;
From noisome Fens sent up to croak
at Pharaoh's Board and Bed.
31 He gave the Sign, and Swarms of Flies
came down in cloudy Hosts ;
Whilst Earth's enliv'ned Dust below
bred Lice through all their Coasts.
32 He sent them batt'ring Hail for Rain,
and Fire for cooling Dew ;

- 33 He smote their Vines and Forest Plants,
and Garden's Pride o'erthrew.
- 34 He spake the Word and Locusts came,
with Caterpillar's join'd,
They prey'd upon the poor Remains
the Storm had left behind.
- 35 From Trees to Herbage they descend ;
no verdent Thing they spare ;
But like the naked Fallow-Field,
leave all the Pastures bare.
- 36 From Fields to Villages and Towns,
commission'd Vengeance flew ;
One fatal Stroke their eldest Hopes
and Strength of Egypt flew.
- 37 He brought his Servants forth, enrich'd
with Egypt's borrow'd Wealth ;
And, what transcends all Treasure else,
enrich'd with vig'rous Health.
- 38 Egypt rejoyc'd, in Hopes to find
her Plagues with them remov'd ;
Taught dearly now to fear worse Ills,
by those already prov'd.
- 39 Their shrouding Canopy by Day,
a journeying Cloud was spread ;
A fiery Pillar all the Night
their Desert Marches led.
- 40 They long'd for Flesh, with Ev'ning Quails
he furnish'd ev'ry Tent ;
From Heav'n's own Granary, each Morn,
the Bread of Angels sent.
- 41 He smote the Rock, whose flinty Breast
pour'd forth a gushing Tide, (march'd
Whose flowing Streams, where e'er they
the Desert's Drought supply'd.
- 42 For still he did on Abr'am's Faith
an ancient League reflect ;
- 43 He brought his People forth with Joy,
with Triumph his Elect.
- 44 Quite rooting out their Heathen Foes,
from Canaan's fertile Soil,
To them in cheap Possession gave
the Fruit of others Toil.
- 45 That they his Statutes might observe,
his sacred Laws obey ;

For Benefits so vast let us
our Songs of Praise repay.

Psalm cvi.

- 1 O Render Thanks to God above,
The Fountain of eternal Love ;
Whose Mercy firm thro' Ages past
Has stood and shall for ever last.
- 2 Who can his mighty Deeds express,
Not only vast but numberless ?
What mortal Eloquence can raise
His Tribute of immortal Praise ?
- 3 Happy are they, and only they,
Who from thy Judgments never stray,
Who know what's right, nor only so,
But always practice what they know.
- 4 Extend to me that Favour, Lord,
Thou to thy Chosen dost afford ;
When thou return'st to set them free,
Let thy Salvation visit me.
- 5 O may I worthy prove, to see
Thy Saints in full Prosperity !
That I the joyful Choir may join,
And count thy People's Triumph mine.
- 6 But ah ! can we expect such Grace,
Of Parents vile, the viler Race ;
Who their Misdeeds have acted o'er,
And with new Crimes increas'd the Score.
- 7 Ingrateful, they no longer thought
On all his Works on Egypt wrought ;
The Red-Sea they no sooner view'd,
But they their base Distrust renew'd.
- 8 Yet he, to vindicate his Name,
Once more to their Deliv'rance came,
To make his sov'reign Pow'r be known,
That he is God, and he alone.
- 9 To Right and left at his Command,
The parting Deep disclos'd her Sand ;
Where firm and dry the Passage lay,
As through some parch'd and desert Way.
- 10 Thus rescu'd from their Foes they were,
Who closely press'd upon their Rear ;
- 11 Whose Rage pursu'd them to those Waves
That prov'd the rash pursuers Graves.

- 12 The watry Mountains sudden fall
 O'erwhelm'd proud Pharaoh, Host and all;
 This Proof did stupid Isr'el move
 To own God's Truth, and praise his Love.

P A R T II.

- 13 But soon these Wonders they forgot,
 And for his Counsel waited not;
 14 But lusting in the Wilderness,
 Did him with fresh Temptations press,
 15 Strong Food at their request he sent,
 But made their Sin their Punishment;
 16 Yet still his Saints they did oppose,
 The Priest and Prophet whom he chose.
 17 But Earth, the Quarrel to decide,
 Her vengeful Jaws extended wide,
 Rash Dathan to her Centre drew,
 With proud Abiram's factious Crew.
 18 The rest of those who did conspire
 To kindle wild Sedition's Fire,
 With all their impious Train, became
 A Prey to Heav'n's devouring Flame.
 19 Near Horeb's Mount a Calf they made,
 And to the molten Image pray'd;
 20 Adoring what their Hands did Frame,
 They chang'd their Glory to their Shame.
 21 Their God and Saviour they forgot,
 And all his Works in Egypt wrought;
 22 His Signs in Ham's astonisht Coast, (lost.
 And where proud Pharaoh's Troops were
 23 Thus urg'd, his vengeful Hand he rear'd,
 But Moses in the Breach appear'd;
 The Saints did for the Rebels pray,
 And turn'd Heav'n's kindled Wrath away.
 24 Yet they his pleasant Land despis'd,
 Nor his repeated promise priz'd:
 25 Nor did th' Almighty's Voice obey,
 But when God said, Go up, would stay.
 26 27, This seal'd their Doom without Redress,
 To perish in the Wilderness;
 Or else to be by Heathens Hands
 O'erthrown and scatter'd thro' the Lands.

P A R T III.

- 28 Yet unreclaim'd this Stubborn Race,
 Baal-Peor's Worship did embrace;
 Became

Became his impious Guests and fed
On Sacrifices to the Dead.

- 29 Thus they persisted to provoke
God's Vengeance to the final Stroke :
'Tis come ; -- the deadly Pest is come
To execute their gen'ral Doom.
- 30 But Phinehas, fir'd with holy Rage,
(Th' Almighty's Vengeance to assuage)
Did, by two bold Offenders Fall,
Th' Atonement make that ransom'd all.
- 31 As him a heav'nly Zeal had mov'd,
So Heav'n the zealous Act approv'd ;
To him confirming, and his Race,
The Priesthood he so well did Grace.
- 32 At Meribah God's Wrath they mov'd,
Who Moses for their Sakes reprov'd :
- 33 Whose patient Soul they did provoke,
Till rashly the meek Prophet spoke.
- 34 Nor when possess'd of Canaan's Land,
Did they perform their Lord's Command,
Nor his commission'd Sword employ
The guilty Nations to destroy.
- 35 Nor only spar'd the Pagan Crew,
But, mingling, learnt their Vices too ;
- 36 And worship to those Idols paid
Which them to fatal Snares betray'd.
- 37, 38 To Devils they did Sacrifice
Their Children with relentless Eyes,
Approach their Altars thro' a Flood,
Of their own Sons and Daughters Blood.
- No cheaper Victims would appease
Canaan's remorseless Deities ;
No Blood her Idols reconcile,
But that which did the Land defile.

P A R T IV.

- 39 Nor did these Savage Cruelties
The harden'd Reprobates suffice ;
For after their Hearts Lust they went,
And daily did new Crimes invent,
- 40 But Sins of such Infernal Hue
God's Wrath against his People drew,
Till he, their once indulgent Lord,
His own Inheritance abhor'd.

- 41 He them defenceless did expose
To their insulting Heathen Foes ;
And made them on the Triumphs wait,
Of those who bore them greatest Hate.
- 42 Nor thus his Indignation ceas'd,
Their Lists of Tyrants he increas'd,
Till they, who God's mild Sway declin'd,
Were made the Vassels of Mankind.
- 43 Yet when distressed, they did repent,
His Anger did as oft relent ;
But freed, they did his Wrath provoke,
Renew'd their Sins, and he their Yoke.
- 44 Nor yet implacable he prov'd,
Nor heard their wretched Cries unmov'd,
5 But did to mind his Promise bring,
And Mercy's inexhausted Spring.
- 46 Compassion too he did impart
E'en to their Foes obdurate Heart,
And pity for their Suff'rings bred
In those who them to Bondage led.
- 47 Still save us, Lord, and Isr'l's Bands
Together bring from Heathen Lands ;
So to thy Name our Thanks we'll raise,
And ever Triumph in thy Praise.
- 48 Let Isr'el's God be ever blest,
His Name eternally confest ;
Let all his Saints with full Accord,
Sing loud Amends---Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cvii.

TO God your grateful Voices raise,
who does your daily Patron prove ;
And let your never-ceasing Praise
attend on his eternal Love.

- 2, 3 Let those give Thanks whom he from Bands
of proud oppressing Foes releas'd ;
And brought them back from distant Lands,
from North and South, and West and East.
- 4, 5 Thro' lonely desert Ways they went,
nor could a peopled City find ;
Till quite with Thirst and Hunger spent,
their fainting Soul within them pin'd.
- 6 Then soon to God's indulgent Ear
did they their mournful Cry address,

W he

- Who graciously vouchsaf'd to hear,
and freed them from their deep Distress.
- 7 From crooked Paths he led them forth,
and in the certain Way did guide,
To wealthy Towns of great Resort,
where all their Wants were well supply'd.
- 8 O then that all the Earth with me,
would God for this his Goodness praise!
And for the mighty Works which he
thro'out the wond'ring World displays!
- 9 For he from Heav'n the sad Estate
of longing Souls with Pity views;
To hungry Souls that pant for Meat,
his Goodness daily Food renews.

P A R T II.

- 10 Some lie, with Darkness compass'd round
in Death's uncomfortable Shade;
And with unwieldy Fetters bound,
by pressing Cares more heavy made;
- 11, 12 Because God's Counsel they defy'd,
and lightly priz'd his holy Word,
With these Afflictions they were try'd;
they fell, and none could Help afford.
- 13 Then soon to God's indulgent Ear,
did they their mournful Cry address;
Who graciously vouchsaf'd to hear,
and freed them from their deep Distress.
- 14 From dismal Dungeons, dark as Night,
and Shades as black as Death's Abode,
He brought them forth to chearful Light,
and welcome Liberty bestow'd.
- 15 O then that all the Earth, with me
would God for this his Goodness praise!
And for the mighty Works which he
thro'out the wond'ring World displays!
- 16 For he with his Almighty Hand
the Gates of Brass in Pieces broke;
Nor could the massy Bars withstand,
or temper'd Steel resist his Stroke.

P A R T III.

- 17 Remorseless Wretches, void of Sense,
with bold Transgressions God defy;

And

- And for their multiply'd Offence,
opprest with fore Diseases lie :
- 18 Their Soul, a Prey to Pain and Fear,
abhors to take the choicest Meats,
And they by faint Degrees draw near
to Death's inhospitable Gates.
- 19 Then strait to God's indulgent Ear,
do they their mournful Cry address ;
Who graciously vouchsafes to hear,
and frees them from their deep Distress.
- 20 He all their sad Distempers heals,
his Word both Health and safety gives :
And when all human Succour fails,
from near Destruction them retrieves.
- 21 O then that all the Earth, with me,
would God for this his Goodness praise !
And for the mighty Works which he
thro'out the wond'ring World displays !
- 22 With Off'rings let his Altar flame,
whilst they their grateful Thanks express !
And with loud Joy his holy Name
for all his Acts of Wonder bless.

P A R T IV.

- 23, 24 They that in Ships, with Courage bold,
o'er swelling Waves their Trade pursue ;
Do God's amazing Works behold,
and in the Deep his Wonders view.
- 25 No sooner his Command is past,
but forth a dreadful Tempest flies,
Which sweeps the Sea with rapid Haste,
and makes the stormy Billows rise.
- 26 Sometimes the Ships, toss'd up to Heav'n,
on Tops of Mountains Waves appear ;
Then down the steep Abyss are driv'n,
whilst ev'ry Soul dissolves with Fear.
- 27 They reel and stagger too and fro,
like Men with Fumes of Wine opprest ;
Nor do the skilful Seamen know
which Way to steer, what Course is best,
- 28 Then strait to God's indulgent Ear
they do their mournful Cry address ;
Who

- Who graciously vouchsafes to hear,
and frees them from their deep Distress.
- 29, 30 He does the raging Storm appease,
and makes the Billows calm and still:
With Joy they see their Fury cease,
and their intended Course fulfil.
- 31 O then that all the Earth, with me,
would God for this his Goodness praise!
And for the mighty Works which he
thro'out the wond'ring World displays!
- 32 Let them, where all the Tribes resort,
advance to Heav'n his glorious Name,
And in the Elders sov'reign Court,
with one Consent his Praise proclaim.

P A R T V.

- 35, 34 A fruitful Land, where Streams abound,
God's just Revenge, if People sin,
Will turn to dry and barren Ground,
to punish those that dwell therein.
- 35, 36 The parcht and desert Heath he makes
to flow with Streams and springing Wells:
Which for his Lot the Hungry takes,
and in strong Cities safely dwells.
- 37, 38 He sows the Field, the Vineyard plants,
which gratefully his Toil repay;
Nor can, whilst God his Blessing grants,
his fruitful Seed or Stock decay.
- 39 But when his Sins Heav'n's Wrath provoke,
his Health and Substance fade away;
He feels th' Oppressor's gauling Yoke,
and is of Grief the wretched Prey.
- 40 The Prince that flights what God commands
expos'd to Scorn, must quit his Throne;
And over wild and desert Lands,
where no Path offers, stray alone.
- 41 Whilst God, from all afflicting Cares,
sets up the humble Man on high:
And makes in Time his num'rous Heirs
with his increasing Flocks to vie.
- 42, 43 Then Sinners shall have nought to say'
the Just a decent Joy shall show;

The Wise these strange Events shall weigh,
and thence God's Goodness fully know.

Psalm cviii.

- 1 O GOD, my Heart is fully bent,
to magnify thy Name;
My Tongue with chearful Songs of Praise,
shall celebrate thy Fame.
- 2 Awake, my Lute, nor thou, my Harp,
with warbling Notes delay;
Whilst I with early Hymns of Joy,
prevent the dawning Day.
- 3 To all the list'ning Tribes, O Lord,
thy Wonders I will tell;
And to those Nations sing thy Praise
that round about us dwell:
- 4 Because thy Mercy's boundless Height
the highest Heav'n transcends;
And far beyond th' aspiring Clouds
thy faithful Truth extends.
- 5 Be thou, O God, exalted high
above the starry Frame;
And let the World, with one Consent,
confess thy glorious Name.
- 6 That all thy chosen People Thee
their Saviour may declare,
Let thy Right hand protect me still,
and answer thou my Pray'r.
- 7 Since God himself has said the Word,
whose Promise cannot fail,
With Joy I Shechem will divide,
and measure Succoth's Vale:
- 8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh too;
and Ephraim owns my Cause:
Their Strength my Regal Pow'r supports,
and Judah gives my Laws.
- 9 Moab I'll make my servile Drudge,
on vanquish'd Edom tread;
And thro' the Proud Philistine Lands
my conqu'ring Banners spread.
- 10 By whose Support and Aid shall I
their well-fenc'd City gain?
Who will my Troops securely lead
thro' Edom's guarded Plain?

- 11 Lord, wilt not thou assist our Arms,
which late thou didst forsake ;
And wilt not thou, of these our Hosts,
once more the Guidance take ?
- 12 O to thy Servants in Distress
thy speedy Succour send :
For vain it is on human Aid
for Safety to depend.
- 13 Then valiant Acts shall we perform,
if thou thy Pow'r disclose ;
For God it is, and God alone,
that treads down all our Foes.

Psalm cix.

- 1 O GOD, whose former Mercies make
my constant Praise thy due,
Hold not thy Peace, but my sad State
with wonted Favour view.
- 2 For sinful Men, with lying Lips,
deceitful Speeches frame,
And with their study'd Slanders seek
to wound my spotless Fame.
- 3 Their restless Hatred prompts them still,
malicious Lies to spread ;
And all against my Life combine,
by cauteless Fury led.
- 4 Those whom with tend'rest Love I us'd,
my chief Opposers are ;
Whilst I, of other Friends bereft,
resort to thee by Pray'r.
- 5 Since Mischief, for the Good I did,
their strange Reward does prove :
And Hatred's the return they make
for undissembled Love :
- 6 Their guilty Leader shall be made
to some ill Man a slave ;
And when he's try'd, his mortal Foe
for his Accuser have.
- 7 His Guilt, when Sentence is pronounc'd,
shall meet a dreadful Fate ;
Whilst his rejected Pray'r but serves
his Crimes to aggravate.
- 8 He, snatch'd by some untimely Fate,
shan't live out half his Days ;

Another by divine Decree,
shall on his Office seize.

- 9, 10 His Seed shall Orphans be, his Wife
a Widow plung'd in Grief;
His vagrant Children beg their Bread,
where none can give Relief.
- 11 His ill-got Riches shall be made
to Usurers a Prey;
The Fruit of all his Toil shall be
by Strangers borne away.
- 12 None shall be found, that to his Wants
their Mercy will extend,
Or to his helpless Orphan-Seed
the least Assistance lend.
- 13 A swift Destruction soon shall seize
on his unhappy Race;
And the next Age his hated Name
shall utterly deface.
- 14 The Vengeance of his Father's Sins
upon his Head shall fall;
God on his Mother's Crimes shall think,
and punish him for all.
- 15 All these, in horrid Order rank'd,
before the Lord shall stand,
Till his fierce Anger quite cuts off
their Mem'ry from the Land.

P A R T II.

- 16 Because he never Mercy shew'd,
but still the Poor oppress'd;
And sought to slay the helpless Man,
with heavy Woes distress'd.
- 17 Therefore the Curse he lov'd to vent,
shall his own Portion prove;
And blessing, which he still abhor'd,
shall far from him remove.
- 18 Since he in Cursing took such Pride,
like Water it shall spread
Thro' all his Veins, and stick like Oil,
with which his Bones are fed.
- 19 This, like a poison'd Robe, shall still
his constant Cov'ring be,
Or an envenom'd Belt, from which
he shall be never free.

- 20 Thus shall the Lord reward all those
that ill to me design ;
That with malicious false Reports
against my Life combine.
- 21 But for thy glorious Name, O God,
do thou deliver me ;
And for thy gracious Mercy's Sake,
preserve and set me free.
- 22 For I, to utmost Straits reduc'd,
am void of all Relief ;
My Heart is wounded with Distress,
and quite pierc'd through with Grief.
- 23 I, like an Ev'ning Shade, decline,
which vanishes apace ;
Like Locusts up and down I'm tost,
and have no certain Place.
- 24, 25 My Knees with fasting are grown weak
my Body lank and lean ;
All that behold me shake their Heads,
and treat me with Disdain.
- 26, 27 But for thy Mercy's sake, O Lord,
do thou my Foes withstand ;
That all may see 'tis thy own Act,
the Work of thy Right-hand.
- 28 Then let them curse, so thou but bless ;
let Shame the Portion be
Of all that my Destruction seek,
while I rejoice in thee.
- 29 My Foe shall with Disgrace be cloath'd,
and spite of all his Pride :
His own Confusion, like a Cloak,
the guilty Wretch shall hide.
- 30 But I to God, in grateful Thanks,
my chearful Voice will raise ;
And where the great Assembly meets,
set forth his noble Praise.
- 31 For him the Poor shall always find
their sure and constant Friend ;
And he shall from unrighteous Dooms
their guiltless Souls defend.

Pfalm cx.

1 **T**H E Lord unto my Lord thus spake,
" Till I thy Foes thy Foot-stool make,
" sit

- “ sit thou, in State at my Right-hand ;
 2 “ Supreme in Sion, thou shalt be,
 “ and all thy proud Opposers see
 “ subjected to thy just Command.
 3 “ Thee, in thy Pow’rs triumphant Day,
 “ the willing Nations shall obey,
 “ and when thy rising Beams they view,
 “ Shall all (redeem’d from Error’s Night)
 “ appear as numberless and bright
 “ as Crystal Drops of Morning Dew.”
 4 The Lord has Sworn, nor sworn in vain,
 that like Melchizedech’s, thy Reign
 and Priesthood shall no Period know :
 5 No proud Competitor to sit
 at thy Right-hand will he permit :
 but in his Wrath crown’d Heads o’erthrow
 6 The sentenc’d Heathen he shall slay,
 and fill with Carcasses his Way,
 till he has struck Earth’s Tyrants dead ;
 7 But in the Highway Brook shall first,
 like a poor Pilgrim slack his Thirst,
 and then in Triumph raise his Head.

Psalm cxi.

- 1 PRAISE ye the Lord ; our God to praise
 My Soul her utmost Pow’r shall raise,
 With private Friends, and in the Throng
 Of Saints his Praise shall be my Song.
 2 His Works, for greatness, tho’ renown’d,
 His wond’rous Works with Ease are found
 By those who seek for them aright,
 And in the pious Search delight.
 3 His Works are all of matchless Fame,
 And universal Glory claim ;
 His Truth, confirm’d thro’ Ages past,
 Shall to eternal Ages last.
 4 By Precept he has us enjoyn’d,
 To keep his wond’rous Works in Mind,
 And to Posterity record,
 That good and gracious is our Lord.
 5 His Bounty, like a flowing Tide,
 Has all his Servants Wants supply’d ;
 And he will ever keep in Mind
 His Cov’nant with our Fathers sign’d.

- 6 At once astonisht and o'erjoy'd,
They saw his matchless Pow'r employ'd;
Whereby the Heathen were suppress'd,
And we their Heritage possess'd.
- 7 Just are the Dealings of his Hands,
Immutable are his Commands:
- 8 By Truth and Equity sustain'd,
And for eternal Rules ordain'd.
- 9 He set his Saints from Bondage free,
And then establish'd his Decree,
For ever to remain the same:
Holy and Rev'rend is his Name.
- 10 Who Wisdom's sacred Prize would win
Must with the Fear of God begin:
Immortal Praise, and heav'nly Skill
Have they who know and do his Will.

Psalm cxii.

H A L L E L U J A H.

- 1 **T**HAT Man is blest who stands in Awe
of God, and loves his sacred Law:
- 2 His Seed on Earth shall be renown'd,
And with successive Honours crown'd.
- 3 His House, the Seat of Wealth, shall be
An inexhausted Treasury;
His Justice free from all Decay,
Shall Blessing to his Heirs convey.
- 4 The Soul that's fill'd with Virtue's Light,
Shines brightest in Affliction's Night:
To pity the distress'd inclin'd,
As well as Just to all Mankind.
- 5 His lib'ral Favours he extends,
To some he gives, to others lends:
Yet what his Charity impairs,
He saves by Prudence in Affairs.
- 6 Beset with threat'ning Dangers round,
Unmov'd shall he maintain his Ground;
The sweet Rememb'rance of the Just,
Shall flourish when he sleeps in Dust.
- 7 Ill Tidings never can surprise
His Heart, that fix'd, on God relies:
- 8 On Safety's Rock, he sits, and sees
The Shipwreck of his Enemies.

His Hands, while they his Alms bestow'd,
His Glory's future Harvest sow'd;
Whence he shall reap Wealth, Fame, Renown
A temp'ral and eternal Crown.

- 10 The Wicked shall his Triumph see,
And gnash their Teeth in Agony;
While their unrighteous Hopes decay,
And vanish, with themselves, away.

Psalm cxiii.

- 1 Y E Saints and Servants of the Lord,
the Triumphs of his Name record,
2 His sacred Name for ever blest.
3 Where're the circling Sun displays,
His rising Beams or setting Rays,
Due Praise to his great Name address.
4 God thro' the World extends his Sway,
the Regions of eternal Day;
but Shadows of his Glory are.
5 To him, whose Majesty excels,
Who made the Heav'n wherein he dwells,
let no created Pow'r compare.
6 Tho' 'tis beneath his State to view
in highest Heav'n what Angels do,
yet he to Earth vouchsafes his Care:
He takes the needy from his Cell,
advancing him in Courts to dwell,
Companion to the greatest there.
7 When childless Families despair,
he sends the Blessing of an Heir,
to rescue their expiring Name;
Makes her that barren was to bear,
and joyfully her Fruit to rear;
O then extol his matchless Fame!

Psalm cxiv.

- 1 W HEN Isr'el by the Almighty led,
(enrich'd with their Oppressor's Spoil)
From Egypt march'd, and Jacob's Seed
from Bondage in a foreign Soil;
2 Jehovah, for his Residence,
chose out imperial Judah's Tent,
His Mansion-Royal, and from thence
thro' Isr'el's Camp his Orders sent.

- 3 The distant Sea with terror saw,
and from th' Almighty's Presence fled;
Old Jordan's Streams, surpriz'd with Awe,
retreated to their Fountain's Head.
- 4 The taller Mountains skipp'd like Rams,
when Danger near the Fold they hear;
The Hills skipp'd after them, like Lambs,
affrighted by their leader's Fear.
- 5 O Sea, what made your Tide withdraw,
and naked leave your ouzy Bed;
Why, Jordan, against Nature's Law,
recoild'st thou to thy Fountain's Head?
- 6 Why, Mountains, did you skip like Rams,
when Danger does approach the Fold?
Why after you the Hills like Lambs,
when they their Leader's Flight behold?
- 7 Earth, tremble on; well may'st thou fear,
thy Lord and Maker's Face to see;
When Jacob's awful God draws near,
'tis Time for Earth and Sea to flee;
- 8 To flee from God, whose Nature's Law,
confirms and cancels at his Will;
Who Springs from flinty Rocks can draw
and thirsty Vales with Water fill.

Psalm cxv.

- 1 LORD, not to us, we claim no Share,
but to thy sacred Name
Give Glory, for thy Mercy's sake,
and Truth's eternal Fame.
- 2 Why should the Heathen cry, Where's now
the God whom we adore?
- 3 Convince them that in Heav'n thou art,
and uncontroul'd thy Pow'r.
- 4 Their Gods but Gold and Silver are,
the Works of mortal Hands:
- 5 With speechless Mouth, and sightless Eyes,
the molten Idol stands.
- 6 The Pageant has both Ears and Nose,
but neither hears nor smells;
- 7 Its Hands and Feet nor feel, nor move,
no Life within it dwells.
- 8 Such senseless Stocks they are, that we
can nothing like them find,

But

- But those who on their Help rely,
and them for Gods design'd.
- 9 O Isr'el, make the Lord your Trust,
who is your Help and Shield;
- 10 Priests, Levites, trust in him alone,
who only Help can yield.
- 11 Let all, who truly fear the Lord,
on him they fear, rely;
Who them in Danger can defend,
and all their Wants supply.
- 12, 13 Of us he oft has mindful been,
and Isr'el's House will bless,
Priests, Levites, Profelytes, ev'n all
who his great Name confess.
- 14 On you, and on your Heirs, he will
increase of Blessings bring;
- 15 Thrice happy you, who Fav'rites are
of this Almighty King.
- 16 Heav'ns highest Orb of Glory, he
his Empire's Seat design'd;
And gave this lower Globe of Earth
a Portion to Mankind.
- 17 They who in Death and Silence sleep
to him no Praise afford:
- 18 But we will bless for evermore
our ever-living Lord.

Psalm cxvi.

- 1 MY Soul with grateful Thoughts of Love
intirely is possess'd:
Because the Lord, vouchsaf'd to hear
the Voice of my Request.
- 2 Since he has now his Ear inclin'd,
I never will despair;
But still in all the Straits of Life
to him address my Pray'r.
- 3 With deadly Sorrows compass'd round,
with Pains of Hell oppress'd,
When Troubles seiz'd my aking Heart,
and Anguish rack'd my Breast;
- 4 On God's Almighty Name I call'd,
and thus to him I pray'd;
" Lord, I beseech thee save my Soul,
" with Sorrows quite dismay'd."

- 5, 6 How just and merciful is God,
how gracious is the Lord !
Who saves the Harmless, and to me
does timely Help afford.
- 7 Then free from pensive Cares, my Soul,
resume thy wonted Rest ;
For God has wond'rously to thee
his bounteous Love exprest.
- 8 When Death alarm'd me, he remov'd
my Dangers and my Fears ;
My Feet from falling he secur'd,
and dry'd my Eyes from Tears.
- 9 Therefore my Life's remaining Years,
which God to me shall lend,
Will I in Praises to his Name,
and in his Service spend.
- 10, 11 In God I trusted, and of him
in greatest Straits did boast ;
(For in my Flight all Hopes of Aid
from faithless Men were lost.)
- 12, 13 Then what Return to him shall I
for all his Goodness make ?
I'll praise his Name, and with glad Zeal,
the Cup of Blessing take.
- 14, 15 I'll pay my Vows amongst his Saints,
whose Blood, (howe'er despis'd
By wicked Men) in God's Account
is always highly priz'd.
- 16 By various Ties, O Lord, must I
to thy Dominion bow ;
Thy humble Handmaid's Son, before,
thy ransom'd Captive now !
- 17, 18 To thee I'll off'rings bring of Praise ;
and whilst I bless thy Name,
The just Performance of my Vows
to all thy Saints proclaim.
- 19 They in Jerusalem shall meet,
and in thy House shall join,
To bless thy Name with one Consent,
and mix their Songs with mine.

Psalms cxvii.

WITH chearful Notes let all the Earth
to Heav'n their Voices raise ;

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Let

Let all, inspir'd with godly Mirth,
sing solemn Hymns of Praise :

- 2 God's tender Mercy knows no Bound,
his Truth shall ne'er decay ;
Then let the willing Nations round
their greatful Tribute pay.

Pſalm cxviii.

- 1, 2 O Praise the Lord, for he is good,
his Mercies ne'er decay :
That his kind Favours ever laſt,
let thankful Iſr'el ſay.
- 3, 4 Their Sense of his eternal Love
Let Aaron's Houſe expreſs ;
And that it never fails, let all
that fear the Lord confeſs.
- 5 To God I made my humble Moan,
with Troubles quite oppreſt ;
And he releas'd me from my Straits,
and granted my Requeſt.
- 6 Since therefore God does on my Side
ſo graciouſly appear,
Why ſhould the vain Attempts of Men
poſſeſs my Soul with Fear ?
- 7 Since God with thoſe that aid my Cauſe
vouchſafes my Part to take,
To all my Foes I need not doubt
a juſt Return to make.
- 8, 9 For better 'tis to Truſt in God,
and have the Lord our Friend,
Than on the greateſt human Pow'r
for ſafety to depend.
- 10, 11 Tho' many Nations cloſely leagu'd,
did oft beſet me round ;
Yet by his boundleſs Pow'r ſuſtain'd,
I did their Strength confound.
- 12 They ſwarm'd like Bees, and yet their Rage
was but a ſhort-liv'd Blaze :
For whilſt on God I ſtill rely'd,
I vanquiſh'd them with Eaſe.
- 13 When all united preſs'd me hard,
in Hopes to make me fall :
The Lord vouchſaf'd to take my Part,
and ſav'd me from them all.

- 14 The Honour of my strange Escape
to him alone belongs ;
He is my Saviour and my Strength,
he only claims my Song.
- 15 Joy fills the Dwelling of the Just,
whom God has sav'd from Harm ;
For wond'rous Things are brought to pass
by his Almighty Arm.
- 16 He, by his own resistless Pow'r,
has endless Honour won ;
The saving Strength of his Right-hand
amazing Works has done.
- 17 God will not suffer me to fall,
but still prolongs my Days :
That by declaring all his Works,
I may advance his Praise.
- 18 When God has sorely me chastis'd,
till quite of Hopes bereav'd ;
His Mercy from the Gates of Death
my fainting Life repriev'd.
- 19 Then open wide the Temple-Gates
to which the Just repair ;
That I may enter in and praise
my great Deliv'rer there.
- 20, 21 Within those Gates of God's Abode
to which the Righteous press ;
Since thou hast heard and set me safe,
thy holy Name I'll bless.
- 22, 23 That, which the Builders once refus'd,
is now the Corner-Stone ;
This is the wond'rous Work of God,
the Work of God alone,
- 24, 25 This Day is God's ; let all the Land
exalt their chearful Voice :
Lord, we beseech thee, save us now,
and make us still rejoice.
- 26 Him that approaches in God's Name,
let all th' Assembly bless ;
“ We, that belong to God's own House,
“ have wish'd you good Success.
- 27 God is the Lord, through whom we all
both Light and Comfort find ;

Fast to the Altar's Horn, with Cords,
the chosen Victim bind.

28 Thou art my Lord, O God, and still
I'll praise thy holy Name;
Because thou only art my God,
I'll celebrate thy Fame,

29 O then, with me, give Thanks to God,
who still does gracious prove;
And let the Tribute of our Praise
be endless as his Love.

Psalm cxix.

A L E P H.

- 1 **H**OW blest are they who always keep
the pure and perfect Way!
Who never from the sacred Paths
of God's Commandments stray!
- 2 Thrice blest who to his righteous Laws
have still obedient been!
And have with fervent humble Zeal
his Favour sought to win!
- 3 Such Men their utmost Caution use
to shun each wicked Deed;
But in the Path which he directs
with constant Care proceed.
- 4 Thou strictly hast enjoin'd us, Lord,
to learn thy sacred Will;
And all our Diligence employ
thy Statutes to fulfill.
- 5 O then that thy most holy Will
might o'er my Ways preside!
And I the Course of all my Life
by thy Direction guide!
- 6 Then with Assurance should I walk,
from all Confusion free;
Convinc'd, with Joy, that all my Ways
with thy Commands agree.
- 7 My upright Heart, shall my glad Mouth
with chearful Praises fill;
When by thy righteous Judgments taught,
I shall have learnt thy Will.
- 8 So to thy sacred Laws shall I,
all due Observance pay;

O then

O then forsake me not, my God,
nor cast me quite away.

B E T H.

- 9 How shall the young preserve their Ways
from all Pollution free ?
By making still their Course of Life
with thy Commands agree.
- 10 With hearty Zeal, for thee I seek,
to thee for Succour pray ;
O suffer not my careless Steps
from thy right Paths to stray.
- 11 Safe in my Heart, and closely hid,
thy Word, my Treasure, lies ;
To succour me with timely Aid,
when sinful Thoughts arise.
- 12 Secur'd by that, my grateful Soul
shall ever bless thy Name ;
O teach me then by thy just Laws
my future Life to frame.
- 13 My Lips, unlockt by pious Zeal,
to others have declar'd,
How well the Judgments of thy Mouth
deserve our best regard.
- 14 Whilst in the Way of thy Commands,
more solid Joy I found,
Than had I been with vast Increase
of envy'd Riches crown'd.
- 15 Therefore thy just and upright Laws
shall always fill my Mind ;
And those sound Rules which thou prescrib'st
all due Respect shall find.
- 16 To keep thy Statutes undefac'd,
shall be my constant Joy ;
The strict Remembrance of thy Word,
shall all my Thoughts employ.

G I M E L.

- 17 Be gracious to thy Servant, Lord,
do thou my Life defend,
That I, according to thy Word,
my Time to come may spend.
- 18 Enlighten both my Eyes and Mind,
that so I may discern
The wond'rous Things which they behold
who thy just Precepts learn.

- 19 Tho' like a Stranger in the Land,
from Place to Place I stray,
Thy righteous Judgments from my Sight
remove not thou away.
- 20 My fainting Soul is almost pin'd,
with earnest Longing spent ;
Whilst always on the eager Search
of thy just Will, intent.
- 21 Thy sharp Rebuke shall crush the Proud,
whom still thy Curse pursues ;
Since they to walk in thy right Ways
presumptuously refuse.
- 22 But far from me do thou, O Lord,
Contempt and Shame remove ;
For I thy sacred Laws affect
with undissembled Love.
- 23 Tho' Princes oft in Council met,
against thy Servant spake ;
Yet I, thy Statutes to observe,
my constant Business make.
- 24 For thy Commands have always been
my Comfort and Delight ;
By them I learn, with prudent Care,
to guide my Steps aright.

D A L E T H.

- 25 My Soul oppress'd with deadly Care,
close to the Dust does cleave :
Revive me, Lord, and let me now
thy promis'd Aid receive.
- 26 To thee I still declar'd my Ways,
and thou inclin'dst thine Ear ;
O teach me then my future Life
by thy just Laws to steer.
- 27 If thou wilt make me know thy Laws,
and by their Guidance walk,
The wond'rous Works which thou hast done
shall be my constant Talk.
- 28 But see, my Soul within me sinks,
prest down with weighty Care ;
Do, thou, according to thy Word,
my wasted Strength repair.
- 29 Far, far from me be all false Ways,
and lying Arts remov'd !

- But kindly grant I still may keep
the Path by thee approv'd,
30 Thy faithful Ways, thou God of Truth,
my happy Choice I've made ;
Thy Judgments, as my rule of Life,
before me always laid.
- 31 My Care has been to make my Life
with thy Commands agree ;
O then preserve thy Servant, Lord,
from Shame and Ruin free.
- 32 So in the Way of thy Commands,
shall I with Pleasure run,
And with a Heart enlarg'd with Joy,
successfully go on.

H E.

- 33 Instruct me in thy Statutes, Lord,
thy righteous Paths display ;
And I from them, thro' all my Life,
will never go astray.
- 34 If thou true Wisdom from above
wilt graciously impart,
To keep thy perfect Laws I will
devote my zealous Heart.
- 35 Direct me in the sacred Ways
to which thy Precepts lead ;
Because my chief Delight has been
thy righteous Paths to tread.
- 36 Do thou to thy most just Commands
incline my willing Heart ;
Let no Desire of worldly Wealth
from thee my Thoughts divert.
- 37 From those vain Objects turn my Eyes
which this false World displays ;
But give me lively Pow'r and Strength
to keep thy righteous Ways.
- 38 Confirm the Promise which thou mad'st
and give thy Servant Aid,
Who to transgress thy sacred Laws
is awfully afraid.
- 39 The foul Disgrace I justly fear,
in Mercy, Lord, remove ;
For all the Judgments thou ordain'st
are full of Grace and Love,

- 40 Thou know'st how, after thy Commands,
my longing Heart does pant ;
O then make haste and raise me up,
and promis'd Succour grant.

V A U.

- 41 Thy constant Blessing, Lord, bestow,
to cheer my drooping Heart ;
To me, according to thy Word,
thy saving Health impart.
- 42 So shall I, when my Foes upbraid,
this ready Answer make ;
“ In God I trust, who never will
“ his faithful Promise break.”
- 43 Then let not quite the Word of Truth
be from my Mouth remov'd ;
Since still my Ground of stedfast Hope
thy just Decrees have prov'd.
- 44 So I to keep thy righteous Laws,
will all my Study bend ;
From Age to Age my Time to come
in their Observance spend.
- 45 E'er long I trust to walk at large,
from all Incumbrance free ;
Since I resolv'd to make my Life
with thy Commands agree.
- 46 Thy Laws shall be my constant Talk ;
and Princes shall attend,
Whilst I the Justice of thy Ways
with Confidence defend.
- 47 My longing Heart and ravish'd Soul
shall both o'erflow with Joy ;
When in thy lov'd Commandments I
my happy Hours employ.
- 48 Then will I to thy just Decrees,
lift up my willing Hands ;
My care and Business then shall be
to study thy Commands.

Z A I N.

- 49 According to thy promis'd Grace,
thy Favour, Lord, extend ;
Make good to me the Word, on which
thy Servant's Hopes depend.
- 50 That only Comfort in Distress
did all my Grievs controul ;

Thy Word, when Troubles hem'd me round
reviv'd my fainting Soul.

- 51 Insulting Foes did proudly mock,
and all my Hopes deride ;
Yet from thy Law, not all their Scoffs
could make me turn aside.
- 52 Thy Judgments then, of ancient Date,
I quickly call'd to mind ;
'Till ravish'd with such Thoughts, my Soul
did speedy Comfort find.
- 53 Sometimes I stand amaz'd, like one
with deadly Horror struck,
To think how all my sinful Foes
have thy just Laws forsook.
- 54 But I thy Statutes and Decrees,
my chearful Anthems made ;
Whilst thro' strange Lands and Desarts wild
I like a Pilgrim stray'd.
- 55 Thy Name that chear'd my Heart by Day
has fill'd my Thoughts by Night ;
I then resolv'd by thy just Laws,
to guide my Steps aright.
- 56 That Peace of Mind, which has my Soul
in deep Distress sustain'd,
By strict Obedience to thy Will
I happily obtain'd.

C H E T H.

- 57 O Lord, my God, my Portion thou,
and sure Possession art ;
Thy Words I stedfastly resolve
to Treasure in my Heart.
- 58 With all the Strength of warm Desires
I did thy Grace implore ;
Disclose, according to thy Word,
thy Mercy's boundless Store.
- 59 With due Reflection and strict Care
on all my Ways I thought ;
And so, reclaim'd to thy just Paths,
my wand'ring Steps I brought.
- 60 I lost no Time, but made great haste,
resolv'd without Delay,
To watch, that I might never more
from thy Commandments stray.

- 61 Tho' num'rous Troops of sinful Men
to rob me have combin'd ;
Yet I thy pure and righteous Laws
have ever kept in Mind.
- 62 In Dead of Night I will arise,
to sing thy Solemn Praise ;
Convinc'd how much I always ought
to love thy righteous Ways.
- 63 To such as fear thy holy Name
myself I closely join,
To all who their obedient Wills
to thy Commands resign.
- 64 O'er all the Earth thy Mercy, Lord,
abundantly is shed ;
O make me then, exactly learn,
thy sacred Paths to tread.

T E T H.

- 65 With me, thy Servant, thou hast dealt
most graciously, O Lord,
Repeated Benefits bestow'd,
according to thy Word.
- 66 Teach me the sacred Skill, by which
right Judgment is attain'd,
Who in Belief of thy Commands
have stedfastly remain'd.
- 67 Before Affliction stopt my Course,
my Footsteps went astray ;
But I have since been disciplin'd
thy Precepts to obey.
- 68 Thou art, O Lord, supremely good,
and all thou dost is so ;
On me, thy Statutes to discern,
thy saving Skill bestow.
- 69 The Proud have forg'd malicious Lies
my spotless Fame to stain ;
But my fixt Heart, without reserve,
thy Precepts shall retain.
- 70 While pamper'd they, with prosp'rous Ills,
in sensual Pleasures live,
My Soul can relish no Delight
but what thy Precepts give.
- 71 'Tis good for me that I have felt
Affliction's chast'ning Rod,

That I may duly learn and keep
the Statutes of my God.

- 72 The Law that from thy Mouth proceeds
of more Esteem I hold,
Than untouch'd Mines, than thousand Mines
of Silver and of Gold.

J O D.

- 73 To me, who am the Workmanship
of thy Almighty Hands,
The heavenly Understanding give
to learn thy just Commands.
- 74 My Preservation to thy Saints
strong Comfort will afford,
To see Success attend my Hopes,
who trusted in thy Word.
- 75 That right thy Judgments are, I now
by sure Experience see,
And that in faithfulness, O Lord,
thou hast afflicted me.
- 76 O let thy tender Mercy now
afford me needful Aid;
According to thy Promise, Lord,
to me, thy Servant, made.
- 77 To me, thy saving Grace restore,
that I again may Live;
Whose Soul can relish no Delight
but what thy Precepts give.
- 78 Defeat the Proud, who unprovok'd,
to ruin me have sought;
Who only on thy sacred Laws
employ my harmless Thought.
- 79 Let those that fear thy Name espouse
my Cause, and those alone,
Who have by strict and pious Search
thy sacred Precepts known.
- 80 In thy blest Statutes let my Heart
continue always found,
That Guilt and Shame, the sinners Lot,
may never me confound.

C A P H.

- 81 My Soul with long Expectance waits
to see thy saving Grace;
Yet still on thy unerring Word
my Confidence I place.

- 82 My very Eyes consume and fail
with waiting for thy Word :
O! when wilt thou thy kind Relief
and promis'd Aid afford.
- 83 My Skin like shrivel'd Parchment shows,
that long in Smoke is set ;
Yet no Afflictions me can force
thy Statutes to forget.
- 84 How many Days must I endure
of Sorrow and Distress ?
When wilt thou Judgment execute
on them who me oppress ?
- 85 The Proud have digg'd a Pit for me,
that have no other Foes,
But such as are averse to thee,
and thy just Laws oppose.
- 86 With Right and Truth's eternal Laws
all thy Commands agree :
Men persecute me without Cause,
thou, Lord, my helper be.
- 87 With close Designs against my Life
they had almost prevail'd :
But in Obedience to thy Will
my Duty never fail'd.
- 88 Thy wonted Kindness, Lord, restore,
my drooping Heart to cheer ;
That by thy righteous Statutes, I
my Life's whole Course may steer.

L A M E D.

- 89 For ever and for ever, Lord,
unchang'd thou 'st remain ;
Thy Word, establish'd in the Heav'ns
does all their Orbs sustain,
- 90 Thro' circling Ages, Lord, thy Truth
immoveable shall stand,
As doth the Earth, which thou uphold'st
by thy Almighty Hand.
- 91 All Things the Course by thee ordain'd,
ev'n to this Day fulfil :
They are thy faithful Subjects all,
and Servants of thy Will.
- 92 Unless thy sacred Law had been
my Comfort and Delight,

- I must have fainted and expir'd
in dark Affliction's Night.
- 93 Thy Precepts therefore from my Thoughts
shall never, Lord, depart ;
For thou, by them, hast to new Life
restor'd my dying Heart.
- 94 As I am thine, entirely thine,
protect me, Lord, from Harm ;
Who have thy Precepts sought to know,
and carefully perform.
- 95 The Wicked have their Ambush laid
my guilties Life to take :
But in the midst of Danger I
thy word my Study make.
- 96 I've seen an End of what we call
Perfection here below ;
But thy Commandments, like thyself,
no Change or Period know.

M E M

- 97 The Love that to thy Laws I bear,
no Language can display ;
They with fresh Wonders entertain
my ravish'd Thoughts all Day.
Through thy Commands I wiser grow
than all my subtle Foes ;
For thy sure Word does me direct,
and all my Ways dispose.
- 99 From me my former Teachers now
my abler Counsel take ;
Because thy sacred Precepts I
my constant Study make.
- 100 In understanding I excel
the Sages of our Days ;
Because by thy unerring Rules
I order all my Ways.
- 101 My Feet, with Care, I have refrain'd
from ev'ry sinful Way,
That to thy sacred Word I might
intire Obedience pay.
- 102 I have not from thy Judgments stray'd,
by vain Desires misled ;
For, Lord, thou hast instructed me
thy righteous Paths to tread.

- 103 How sweet are all thy Words to me;
O what divine Repair!
How much more grateful to my Soul
than Honey to my taste.
- 104 Taught by thy sacred Precepts, I
with heav'nly Skill am blest;
Thro' which the treach'rous Ways of Sin
I utterly detest.

N U N.

- 105 Thy Word is to my Feet a Lamp,
the Way of Truth to show:
A Watch-light to Point out the Path,
in which I ought to go.
- 106 I swear (and from my Solemn Oath
I'll never start aside;)
That in thy righteous Judgments I
will stedfastly abide.
- 107 Since I with Griefs am so oppress'd
that I can bear no more,
According to thy Word, do thou
my fainting Soul restore.
- 108 Let still my Sacrifice of Praise
with thee Acceptance find;
And in thy righteous Judgments, Lord,
instruct my willing Mind.
- 109 Tho' gantly Dangers me surround,
my Soul they cannot awe:
Nor, with continual Terrors, keep
from thinking on thy Law.
- 110 My wicked and invet'rate Foes
for me their Snares have laid;
Yet I have kept the upright Path,
nor from thy Precepts stray'd.
- 111 Thy Testimonies I have made
my Heritage and Choice;
For they, when other Comforts fail,
my drooping Heart rejoyce.
- 112 My Heart with early Zeal began
thy Statutes to obey;
And till my Course of Life is done,
shall keep thy upright Way.

S A M E C H.

- 113 Deceitful Thoughts and Practices
I utterly detest?

- But to thy Law Affection bear
too great to be exprest.
- 114 My Hiding-Place, my Refuge Tow'r,
and Shield art thou, O Lord ;
I firmly Anchor all my Hopes
on thy unerring Word.
- 115 Hence ye that trade in Wickedness,
approach not my Abode,
For firmly I resolve to keep
the Precepts of my God.
- 116 According to thy gracious Word,
from Danger set me free ;
Nor make me of those hopes ashamed
that I repose on thee.
- 117 Uphold me, so shall I be safe,
and rescu'd from Distress ;
To thy Decrees continually
my just Respects address.
- 118 The Wicked thou hast trod to Earth,
who from thy Statutes stray'd ;
Their vile Deceit the just reward
of their own Falshood made.
- 119 The Wicked from thy holy Land
thou dost, like Dross, remove ;
I therefore, with such Justice charm'd,
thy Testimonies love.
- 120 Yet with that Love they make me dread
lest I should so offend,
When on Transgressors I behold
thy Judgments thus descend.

A I N.

- 121 Judgments and Justice I have lov'd ;
O therefore, Lord engage
In my Defence, nor give me up
to my Oppressors Rage.
- 122 Do thou be Surety, Lord, for me ;
and so shall this Distress
Prove good for me ; nor shall the Proud
my guiltless Soul oppress.
- 123 My Eyes, alas ! begin to fail,
in long Expectance held,
Till thy Salvation they behold,
and righteous Word fulfill'd,

- 124 To me, thy Servant, in Distress
thy wonted Grace display.
And discipline my willing Heart
thy Statutes to obey.
- 125 On me, devoted to thy Fear,
thy sacred Skill bestow,
That of thy Testimonies I
the full Extent may know.
- 126 'Tis Time, high Time, for thee, O Lord,
thy Vengeance to employ,
When Men with open Violence
thy sacred Law destroy.
- 127 Yet their Contempt of thy Commands
but makes their Value rise
In my Esteem, who purest gold,
compar'd with them, despise.
- 128 Thy Precepts therefore I account
in all respects. divine ;
They teach me to discern the right,
and all false Ways decline.

P E.

- 129 The Wonders which thy Laws contain,
no Words can represent ;
Therefore to learn and practice them,
my zealous Heart is bent.
- 130 The very Entrance to thy Word
celestial Light displays :
And Knowledge of true Happiness
to simplest Minds conveys.
- 131 With eager Hopes I waiting stood,
and fainted with Desire,
That of thy wise Commands I might
the sacred Skill acquire.
- 132 With favour, Lord, look down on me,
who thy Relief implore ;
As thou art wont to visit those
that thy blest Name adore.
- 133 Directed by thy heav'nly Word,
Let all my Footsteps be ;
Nor Wickedness of any Kind
Dominion have o'er me.
- 134 Release, intirely set me free
from persecuting Hands,

That

That unmolested I may learn
and practise thy Commands,

- 135 On me, devoted to thy Fear,
Lord, make thy Face to shine;
Thy Statutes both to know and keep,
my Heart with Zeal incline.
- 136 My Eyes to weeping Fountains turn,
whence briny Rivers flow,
To see Mankind against thy Laws
in bold Defiance go.

T S A D D I.

- 137 Thou art the righteous Judge, in whom
wrong'd Innocence may trust:
And, like thyself, thy Judgments, Lord,
in all Respects are just.
- 138 Most just and true those Statutes were,
which thou didst first decree;
And all with Faithfulness perform'd,
succeeding Times shall be.
- 139 With Zeal my Flesh consumes away,
my Soul with Anguish frets,
To see my Foes contemn, at once,
thy Promises and Threats.
- 140 Yet each neglected Word of thine,
(how'er by them despis'd)
Is pure, and for eternal Truth
by me, thy Servant, priz'd.
- 141 Brought, for thy sake, to low Estate,
Contempt from all I find;
Yet no Affronts or Wrongs can drive
thy Precepts from my Mind.
- 142 Thy Righteousness shall then endure,
when Time itself is past:
Thy Law is Truth itself, that Truth
which shall for ever last.
- 143 Tho' Trouble, Anguish, Doubts and Dreads
to compass me unite,
Beset with Dangers, still I make
thy Precepts my Delight.
- 144 Eternal and unerring Rules
thy Testimonies give:
Teach me the Wisdom that will make
my Soul for ever live.

- 145 With my whole Heart to God I call'd,
 Lord, hear my earnest Cry ;
 And I thy Statutes to perform,
 will all my Care apply.
- 146 Again more fervently I pray'd,
 O save me, that I may
 Thy Testimonies throughly know,
 and stedfastly obey.
- 147 My earlier Pray'r the dawning Day
 prevented while I cry'd
 To him on whose engaging Word
 my Hopes alone rely'd.
- 148 With Zeal have I awak'd before
 the Midnight Watch was set,
 That I, of thy mysterious Word,
 might perfect Knowledge get.
- 149 Lord, hear my supplicating Voice,
 and wonted Favour shew ;
 O quicken me, and so approve
 thy Judgments ever true.
- 150 My persecuting Foes advance
 and hourly nearer draw ;
 What Treatment can I hope from them
 who violate thy Law ?
- 151 Tho' they draw nigh, my Comfort is,
 thou, Lord, art yet more near,
 Thou, whose Commands are righteous all,
 thy Promises sincere.
- 152 Concerning thy Divine Decrees
 my Soul has known of old,
 That they were true, and shall their Truth
 to endless Ages hold.

R E S C H.

- 153 Consider my Affliction, Lord,
 and me from Bondage draw :
 Think on thy Servant in Distress,
 who ne'er forgets thy Law.
- 154 Plead thou my Cause ; to that and me
 thy timely Aid afford ;
 With Beams of Mercy quicken me
 according to thy Word.

- 155 From harden'd Sinners thou remov'st
Salvation far away ;
'Tis just thou shouldst withdraw from them
who from thy Statutes stray.
- 156 Since great thy tender Mercies are
to all who thee adore ;
According to thy Judgments, Lord,
my fainting Hopes restore.
- 157 A num'rous Host of spiteful Foes
against my Life combine ;
But all too few to Force my Soul
thy Statutes to decline.
- 158 Those bold Transgressors I beheld,
and was with Grief oppress'd,
To see with what audacious Pride
thy Cov'nant they transgress'd.
- 159 Yet while they slight, consider, Lord,
how I thy Precepts Love :
O therefore quicken me with Beams
of Mercy from above.
- 160 As from the Birth of 'Time thy Truth
has held through Ages past,
So shall thy righteous Judgments, firm,
to endless Ages last.

S C H I N.

- 161 Tho' mighty Tyrants, without Cause,
conspire my Blood to shed,
Thy sacred Word has Pow'r alone
To fill my Heart with Dread.
- 162 And yet that Word my joyful Breast
with heav'nly Rapture warms,
Nor Conquest, nor the Spoils of War,
have such transporting Charms.
- 163 Perfidious Practices and Lies
I utterly detest ;
But to thy Laws affection bear,
too vast to be exprest.
- 164 Sev'n Times a Day, with grateful Voice,
thy Praises I resound,
Because I find thy Judgments all
with Truth and Justice crown'd.
- 165 Secure, substantial Peace have they
who truly love thy Law :

No smiling Mischief them can tempt,
nor frowning Danger awe.

166 For thy Salvation I have hop'd,
and tho' so long delay'd,
With chearful Zeal and strictest Care
all thy Commands obey'd ;

167 Thy Testimonies I have kept,
and constantly obey'd ;
Because the Love I bore to them
the Service easy made.

168 From strict Observance of thy Laws
I never yet withdrew,
Convinc'd that my most secret Ways
are open to thy View.

T A U.

169 To my Request and earnest Cry
attend, O gracious Lord ;
Inspire my Heart with heav'nly Skill,
according to thy Word.

170 Let my repeated Pray'r at last
before thy Throne appear ;
According to thy plighted Word
for my Relief draw near.

171 Then shall my grateful Lips return
the Tribute of their Praise,
When thou thy Counsels hast reveal'd,
and taught me thy just Ways.

172 My Tongue the Praises of thy Word
shall thankfully resound,
Because thy Promises are all
with Truth and Justice crown'd.

173 Let thy Almighty Arm appear,
and bring me timely Aid ;
For I the Laws thou hast ordain'd
my Heart's free Choice have made.

174 My Soul has waited long to see
thy saving Grace restor'd ;
Nor Comfort knew, but what thy Laws,
thy heav'nly Laws afford.

175 Prolong my Life, that I may sing
my great Restorer's Praise ;
Whose Justice from the Depth of Woes
my fainting Soul shall raise.

- 176 Like some lost Sheep, I've stray'd, till I
despair my Way to find;
Thou, therefore, Lord, thy Servant seek,
who keeps thy Laws in mind.

Pfalm cxx.

- I**N deep Distress I oft have cry'd
To God, who never yet deny'd
To rescue me oppress'd with Wrongs;
2 Once more, O Lord, Deliv'rance send,
From lying Lips my Soul defend,
And from the Rage of stand'ring Tongues,
3 What little Profit can accrue?
And yet what heavy Wrath is due,
O thou perfidious Tongue, to thee!
4 Thy Sting upon thyself shall turn;
Of lasting Flames that fiercely burn,
The constant Fuel thou shalt be.
5 But O! how wretched is my Doom,
Who am a Sojourner become
In barren Mesech's desert Soil!
With Kedar's wicked Tents enclos'd,
To lawless Savages expos'd,
Who live on nought but Theft and Spoil,
6 My happy Dwelling is with those
Who Peace and Amity oppose,
And Pleasure take in others Harms:
7 Sweet Peace is all I court and seek;
But when to them of Peace I speak,
They straight cry out, To Arms, to Arms

Pfalm cxxi.

- T**O Sion's Hill I lift my Eyes,
From thence expecting Aid;
2 From Sion's Hill, and Sion's God,
who Heav'n and Earth has made.
3 Then, thou my Soul, in Safety rest,
thy Guardian will not sleep;
4 His watchful Care, that Isr'els guards,
will Isr'el's Monarch keep.
5 Shelter'd beneath th' Almighty's Wings,
thou shalt securely rest,
6 Where neither Sun nor Moon shall thee
by Day or Night molest.

- 7 From common Accidents of Life
 His Care shall guard thee still :
 From the blind Strokes of Chance and Foes,
 that lie in wait to kill.
- 8 At Home, Abroad, in Peace, in War,
 thy God shall thee defend :
 Conduct thee thro' Life's Pilgrimage
 safe to thy Journey's End.

Psalm cxxii.

- 1 O 'Twas a joyful Sound to hear
 our Tribes devoutly say,
 Up Isr'el, to the Temple haste,
 and keep your festal Day.
- 2 At Salem's Court we must appear
 with our assembled Pow'rs ;
- 3 In strong and beauteous Order rang'd
 like her united Tow'rs,
- 4 'Tis thither, by divine Command,
 the Tribes of God repair,
 Before his Ark to celebrate
 his Name with Praise and Pray'r.
- 5 Tribunals stand erected there,
 where Equity takes Place,
 There stand the Courts and Palaces
 of Royal David's Race.
- 6 O, pray we then for Salem's Peace,
 for they shall prosp'rous be,
 (Thou holy City of our God!)
 who bear true Love to thee.
- 7 May Peace within thy sacred Walls
 a constant Guest be found,
 With Plenty and Prosperity
 thy Palaces be crown'd.
- 8 For my dear Brethren's sake, and Friends,
 no less than Brethren dear,
 I'll pray, --- May Peace in Salem's Towr's
 a constant Guest appear.
- 9 But most of all I'll seek thy Good,
 and ever wish thee well,
 For Sion and the Temples sake,
 where God vouchsafes to dwell.

Psalm cxxiii.

- 1, 2 O N thee, who dwell'st above the Skies,
 For Mercy wait my longing Eyes,

As Servants watch their Masters Hands,
And Maids their Mistresses Commands.

- 3, 4 O then have Mercy on us, Lord,
Thy gracious Aid to us afford,
To us whom cruel Foes oppress,
Grown rich and proud by our Distress.

Psalm cxxiv.

- 1 **H**AD not the Lord, (may Isr'el say)
been pleas'd to interpose ;
2 Had he not then espous'd our Cause,
when Men against us rose,
3, 4, 5 Their Wrath hath swallow'd us alive,
and rag'd without Control ;
Their Spite and Pride's united Floods
had quite o'erwhelm'd our Soul,
6 But prais'd be our eternal Lord,
who rescu'd us that Day,
Nor to their savage Jaws gave up
our threat'ned Lives a Prey.
7 Our Soul is like a Bird escap'd
from out the Fowler's Net ;
The Snare is broke, their Hopes are crost,
and we at Freedom set.
8 Secure in his Almighty Name,
our Confidence remains,
Who, as he made both Heav'n and Earth,
of both sole Monarch reigns.

Psalm cxxv.

- 1 **W**H O place on Sion's God their Trust,
like Sion's Rock shall stand,
Like her immoveable be fixt
by his Almighty Hand.
2 Look how the Hills on ev'ry Side
Jerusalem inclose :
So stands the Lord around his Saints
to guard them from their Foes.
3 The Wicked may afflict the Just,
but ne'er too long oppress,
Nor force him by Despair to seek
base Means for his Redress.
4 Be good, O righteous God, to those
who righteous Deeds affect,
The Heart that Innocence retains
let Innocence protect,

- 5 All those who walk in crooked Paths,
The Lord shall soon destroy ;
Cut of th' Unjust, but crown the Saints
with lasting Peace and Joy.

Psalms cxxvi.

- 1 **W**HEN Sion's God her Sons recall'd
from long Captivity,
It seem'd at first a pleasing Dream
of what we wish'd to see.
2 But soon in unaccustom'd Mirth
We did our Voice employ,
And sung our great Creator's Praise
in thankful Hymns of Joy.
Our Heathen Foes repining stood,
yet were compell'd to own,
That great and wond'rous was the Work
our God for us had done.
3 'Twas great say they, 'twas wond'rous great,
much more should we confess ;
The Lord has done great Things, whereof
we reap the glad Success.
4 To us bring back the Remnant, Lord,
of Isr'el's captive Bands,
More welcome than refreshing Show'rs
to parcht and thirsty Lands.
5 That we, whose Work commenc'd in Tears,
may see our Labours thrive,
Till finish'd with Success, to make
our drooping Hearts revive.
6 Tho' he despond that sows his Grain,
yet doubtless he shall come
To bind his full-ear'd Sheaves, and bring
his joyful Harvest home.

Psalms cxxvii.

- 1 **W**E build with fruitless Cost, unless
the Lord the Pile sustain,
Unless the Lord, the City keep,
the Watchman wakes in vain.
2 In vain we rise before the Day,
and late to Rest repair,
Allow no Respite to our Toil,
and eat the Bread of Care.

Supplies of Life, with Ease to them,
he on his Saints bestows ;

- He crowns their Labours with Success,
 their Nights with sound Repose.
- 3 Children, those Comforts of our Life,
 are Presents from the Lord :
 He gives a num'rous Race of Heirs
 as Piety's Reward.
- 4 As Arrows in a Giant's Hand,
 when marching forth to War ;
 Ev'n so the Sons of sprightly Youth,
 their Parents Safeguard are.
- 5 Happy the Man, whose Quiver's fill'd
 with these prevailing Arms ;
 He needs not fear to meet his Foe,
 at Law, or War's Alarms.

Psalm cxxviii.

- 1 **T**HE Man is blest who fears the Lord,
 nor only Worship pays ;
 But keeps his Steps confin'd with Care,
 to his appointed Ways.
- 2 He shall upon the sweet Returns
 of his own Labour feed :
 Without Dependance live, and see
 his Wishes all succeed.
- 3 His Wife, like a fair fertile Vine,
 her lovely Fruit shall bring ;
 His Children, like young Olive Plants,
 about his Table spring.
- 4, 5 Who fears the Lord shall prosper thus ;
 him Sion's God shall bless,
 And grant him all his Days to see
 Jerusalem's Success.
- 6 He shall live on, 'till Heirs from him
 descend with vast Increase ;
 Much bless'd in his own prosp'rous State,
 and more in Isr'el's Peace.

Psalm cxxix.

- 1 **F**ROM my Youth up, may Isr'el say,
 they oft have me assail'd ;
- 2 Reduc'd me oft to heavy Straits,
 but never quite prevail'd.
- 3 They oft have plough'd my patient Back
 with Furrows deep and long ;
- 4 But our just God has broke their Chains,
 and rescu'd us from Wrong.

- 5 Defeat, Confusion, shameful Rout
be still the Doom of those,
Their righteous Doom, who Sion hate,
and Sion's God oppose.
- 6 Like Corn upon our Houses Tops,
untimely let them fade:
Which too much Heat, and want of Root,
has blasted in the Blade:
- 7 Which in his Arms no Reaper takes,
but unregarded leaves:
Nor binder thinks it worth his Pains
to fold it into Sheaves:
- 8 No Traveller that passes by,
vouchsafes a Minute's Stop,
To give it one kind Look, or crave
Heav'n's Blessing on the Crop.

Psalm cxxx.

- 1 FROM lowest Depths of Woe,
to God I sent my Cry:
- 2 Lord, hear my supplicating Voice,
and graciously reply.
- 3 Should'st thou severely judge,
who can the Trial bear?
- 4 But thou forgiv'st, lest we despond,
and quite renounce thy Fear.
- 5 My Soul with Patience waits
for thee the living Lord:
My Hopes are on thy Promise built,
thy never-failing Word.
- 6 My longing Eyes look out
for thy enliv'ning Ray;
More duly than the Morning Watch,
to spy the dawning Day.
- 7 Let Iſr'el trust in God,
no Bounds his Mercy knows;
The plenteous Source & Spring from whence
eternal Succour flows.
- 8 Whose friendly Streams to us,
supplies in Want convey;
A healing Spring, a Spring to cleanse
and wash our Guilt away.

Psalm cxxxi.

- 3 O Lord, I am not proud of Heart,
nor cast a scornful Eye;

- Nor my aspiring Thoughts employ
in Things for me too high,
2 With Infant-Innocence thou know'st
I have myself demean'd :
Compos'd to Quiet, like a Babe,
that from the Breast is wean'd.
3 Like me let Isr'el hope in God,
his Aid alone implore :
Both now and ever trust in him
who lives for evermore.

Psalm cxxxii.

- 1 **L**ET David, Lord, a constant Place
in thy Remembrance find ;
Let all the Sorrows he endur'd,
be ever in thy Mind.
2 Remember what a solemn Oath
to thee, his Lord, he swore ;
How to the mighty God he vow'd,
whom Jacob's Sons adore.
3, 4 I will not go into my House,
nor to my Bed ascend ;
No soft Repose shall close my Eyes,
nor Sleep my Eye-lids bend :
5 'Till for the Lord's design'd Abode
I mark the destin'd Ground ;
Till I a decent Place of Rest
for Jacob's God have found.
6 Th' appointed Place, with Shouts of Joy,
at Ephrata we found :
And made the Wood and neighb'ring Fields,
our glad Applause resound.
7 O with due Rev'rence let us then,
to his Abode repair :
And prostrate at his Footstool fall'n,
pour out our humble Pray'r.
8 Arise, O Lord, and now possess
thy constant Place of Rest ;
Be that, not only with thy Ark,
but with thy Presence blest. (ness,
9, 10 Clothe thou thy Priests with Righteous-
make thou thy Saints rejoice ;
And for thy Servant David's Sake,
hear thy Anointed's Voice.

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- 11 God sware to David in his Truth,
(nor shall his Oath be vain)
One of thy Offspring after thee
upon thy Throne shall reign.
- 12 And if thy Seed my Cov'nant keep,
and to my Laws submit ;
Their Children too upon thy Throne
for evermore shall sit.
- 13, 14 For Sion does in God's Esteem,
All other Seats excel :
His Place of everlasting Rest,
where he desires to dwell.
- 15, 16 Her Store, says he, I will increase,
her Poor with Plenty bless ;
Her Saints shall shout for Joy, her Priests
my saving Health confess.
- 17 There David's Pow'r shall long remain,
in his successive Line :
And my anointed Servant there
shall with fresh Lustre shine.
- 18 The Faces of his vanquish'd Foes
Confusion shall o'erspread ;
Whilst, with confirm'd Success, his Crown
shall flourish on his Head.

Psalm cxxxiii.

- 1 **H**OW vast must their Advantage be !
how great their Pleasure prove !
Who live like Brethern, and consent
in Offices of Love !
- 2 True Love is like that precious Oil
which pour'd on Aaron's Head,
Ran down his Beard, and o'er his Robes,
its costly Moisture shed.
- 3 'Tis like refreshing Dew, which does
on Hermon's Top distil ;
Or like the early Drops that fall
on Sion's fruitful Hill.
- 4 For God to all, whose friendly Hearts
with mutual Love abound,
Has firmly promis'd Length of Days
with constant Blessings crown'd.

Psalm cxxxiv.

- 1 **B**LESS God, ye Servants that attend
upon his solemn State ;

That

- That in his Temple, Night by Night,
with humble Rev'rence wait.
- 2, 3 Within his House lift up your Hand
and bless his holy Name ;
From Sion, bless thy Isr'el, Lord,
who Heav'n and Earth didst frame,

Psalms cxxxv.

- 1 O Praise the Lord with one Consent,
and magnify his Name ;
Let all the Servants of the Lord
his worthy Praise proclaim.
- 2 Praise him all ye that in his House,
attend with constant Care ;
With those that to his utmost Courts,
with humble Zeal repair.
- 3 For this our truest Int'rest is,
glad Hymns of Praise to sing ;
And with loud Songs to bless his Name,
a most delightful Thing.
- 4 For God his own peculiar Choice
the Sons of Jacob makes :
And Isr'el's Offspring for his own
most valu'd Treasure takes.
- 5 That God is great, we often have
by glad Experience found :
And seen how he, with wond'rous Pow'r,
above all Gods is crown'd.
- 6 For he with unresisted Strength,
performs his sov'reign Will ;
In Heav'n and Earth, and watry Stores,
that Earth's deep Caverns fill.
- 7 He raises Vapours from the Ground,
which pois'd in liquid Air,
Fall down at last in Show'rs, thro' which
his dreadful Light'nings glare.
- 8 He from his Store-house brings the Wind :
and he with vengeful Hand,
The First-born slew of Man and Beast,
thro' Egypt's mourning Land.
- 9 He dreadful Signs and Wonders shew'd
thro' stubborn Egypt's Coasts ;
Nor Pharaoh could his Plague escape,
nor all his num'rous Hosts.

- 10, 11 'Twas he that various Nations smote
and mighty Kings suppress'd:
Sion and Og, and all besides,
who Canaan's Lands possess'd.
- 12, 13 Their Land upon his chosen Race
he firmly did entail;
For which his Fame shall always last,
his Praise shall never fail.
- 14 For God shall soon his People's Cause
with pitying Eyes survey;
Repent him of his Wrath, and turn
his kindled Rage away.
- 15 Those Idols, whose false Worship spreads
o'er all the Heathen Lands,
Are made of Silver and of Gold,
the Work of human Hands.
- 16, 17 They move not their fictitious Tongues
nor see with polish'd Eyes;
'Their counterfeited Ears are deaf,
no Breath their Mouths supplies.
- 18 As senseless as themselves are they
that all their Skill apply
To make them, or in dangerous Times,
on them for Aid rely.
- 19 Their just Returns of Thanks to God
let grateful Isr'el pay:
Nor let the Priests of Aaron's Race
to bless the Lord delay.
- 20 Their Sense of his unbounded Love
let Levi's House express:
And let all those that fear the Lord,
his Name for ever bless.
- 21 Let all with Thanks his wond'rous Works
in Sion's Courts proclaim:
Let them in Salem, where he dwells,
exalt his holy Name.

Psalm cxxxvi.

- 1 **T**O God, the mighty Lord,
Your joyful Thanks repeat;
To him due Praise afford
As good as he is great:
For God does prove
Our constant Friend,

His boundless Love
Shall never end.

2, 3 To him whose wond'rous Pow'r
All other Gods obey,
Whom earthly Kings adore,
This grateful Homage pay.
For God, &c.

4, 5 By his Almighty Hand
Amazing Works are wrought;
The Heav'ns by his Command,
Were to Perfection brought,
For God, &c.

6 He spread the Ocean round,
About the spacious Land:
And made the rising Ground
Above the Waters stand,
For God, &c.

7, 8, 9 Thro' Heav'n he did display,
His num'rous Hosts of Light;
The Sun to rule by Day,
The Moon and Stars by Night.
For God, &c.

10, 11, 12 He struck the first-born dead,
Of Egypt's stubborn Land:
And thence his People led
With his resistless Hand.
For God, &c.

13, 14 By him the raging Sea,
As if in Pieces rent,
Disclos'd a middle Way,
Thro' which his People went,
For God, &c.

15 Where soon he overthrew
Proud Pharoah and his Host,
Who daring to pursue,
Were in the Billows lost.
For God, &c.

16, 17, 18 Thro' Desarts vast and wild
He led the chosen Seed:
And famous Princes foil'd,
And made great Monarch's bleed.
For God, &c.

- 19, 20 Shion, whose potent Hand
Great Ammon's Scepter sway'd,
And Og, whose stern Command
Rich Bashan's Land obey'd.
For God, &c.
- 21, 22 And of his wond'rous Grace,
Their Lands, whom he destroy'd,
He gave to Ifr'el's Race,
To be by them enjoy'd.
For God, &c.
- 23, 24 He, in our Depth of Woes,
On us with Favours thought;
And from our cruel Foes
In Peace and Safety brought.
For God, &c.
- 25, 26 He does the Food supply
On which all Creatures live,
To God who reigns on high,
Eternal Praises give.
For God will prove
Our constant Friend;
His boundless Love
Shall never end.

Psalms cxxxvii.

- 1 **W**HEN we our wearied Limbs to rest,
Set down by proud Euphrates's Stream;
We wept, with doleful Thoughts oppress'd,
and Sion was our mournful Theme.
- 2 Our Harps, that when with Joy we sung,
were wont their tuneful Parts to bear,
With silent Strings neglected hung
on Willow-Trees that wither'd there.
- 3 Mean while our Foes, who all conspir'd
to triumph in our slavish Wrongs,
Music and Mirth of us requir'd,
"Come, sing us one of Sion's Songs."
- 4 How shall we tune our Voice to sing,
or touch our Harps with skilful Hands?
Shall Hymns of Joy to God our King,
be sung by Slaves in foreign Lands?
- 5 **O** Salem, our once happy Seat!
when I of thee forgetful prove,

- Let then my trembling Hand forget
the speaking Strings with Art to move !
- 6 If I to mention thee forbear,
eternal Silence seize my Tongue :
Or if I sing one chearful Air,
till thy Deliv'rance is my Song.
- 7 Remember, Lord, how Edom's Race,
in thy own City's fatal Day,
Cry'd out, " Her stately Walls deface,
" and with the Ground quite level lay."
- 8 Proud Babel's Daughter, doom'd to be
of Grief and Woe the wretched Prey ;
Blest is the Man who shall to thee
the Wrongs thou lay'st on us, repay.
- 9 Thrice blest, who with just Rage possessest,
and deaf to all the Parents Moans,
Shall snatch thy Infants from the Breast,
and dash their Heads against the Stones.

Psalm cxxxviii.

- 1 **W**ITH my whole Heart, my God and King,
thy Praise I will proclaim ;
Before the Gods with Joy I'll sing,
and bless thy holy Name.
- 2 I'll worship at thy sacred Seat,
and with thy Love inspir'd,
The Praises of thy Truth repeat,
o'er all thy Works admir'd.
- 3 Thou graciously inclin'd'st thine Ear,
when I to thee did cry ;
And when my Soul was prest with Fear,
didst inward Strength supply.
- 4 Therefore shall ev'ry earthly Prince
thy Name with Praise pursue ;
Whom these admir'd Events convince,
that all thy Works are true.
- 5 They all thy wond'rous Ways, O Lord,
with chearful Songs shall bless ;
And all thy glorious Acts record,
thy awful Pow'r confess ;
- 6 For God, altho' enthron'd on high,
does thence the Poor respect ;
The Proud far off, his scornful Eye
beholds with just Neglect.

- 7 Tho' I with Troubles am oppress'd,
 he shall my Foes disarm,
 Relieve my Soul when most distress'd,
 and keep me safe from Harm.
- 8 The Lord, whose Mercies ever last,
 shall fix my happy State:
 And mindful of his Favours past,
 shall his own Work complete.

Psalm cxxxix.

- 1,2 **T**Hou, Lord, by strictest Search hast known
 My rising-up and lying-down;
 My secret Thoughts are known to thee,
 Known long before conceiv'd by me.
- 3 Thine Eye my Bed and Path surveys.
 My public Haunts and private Ways;
- 4 Thou know'st what 'tis my Lips would vent,
 My yet unutter'd Words Intent.
- 5 Surrounded by thy Pow'r I stand,
 On ev'ry Side I find thy Hand.
- 6 O Skill, for human Reach too high!
 Too dazzling bright for mortal Eye!
- 7 O could I so perfidious be,
 To think of once deserting thee!
 Where, Lord, could I thy Influence shun,
 Or whither from thy Presence run?
- 8 If up to Heav'n I take my Flight,
 'Tis there thou dwell'st enthron'd in Light;
 Or dive to Hell's infernal Plains,
 'Tis there Almighty Vengeance reigns.
- 9 If I the Morning's Wing could gain,
 And fly beyond the Western Main,
- 10 Thy swifter Hand would first arrive,
 And there arrest thy Fugitive.
- 11 Or should I try to shun thy Sight
 Beneath the sable Wings of Night;
 One Glance from thee, one piercing Ray,
 Would kindle Darkness into Day.
- 12 The Veil of Night is no Disguise,
 No Screen from thy all-searching Eyes:
 Thro' midnight Shades thou find'st thy Way
 As in the blazing Noon of Day.
- 13 Thou know'st the Texture of my Heart,
 My Reins and ev'ry vital Part;

- Each single Thread in Nature's Loom,
By thee was cover'd in the Womb.
- 14 I'll praise thee, from whose Hands I came,
A Work of such a curious Frame :
The Wonders thou in me hast shown,
My Soul with grateful Joy must own.
- 15 Thine Eyes my Substance did survey,
While yet a lifeless Mass it lay ;
In secret how exactly wrought,
E'er from its dark Inclosure brought.
- 16 Thou didst the shapeless Embryo see,
Its Parts were register'd by thee :
Thou saw'st the daily Growth they took,
Form'd by the Model of thy Book.
- 17 Let me acknowledge, too, O God,
That since this Maze of Life I trod,
Thy Thoughts of Love to me surmount
The Pow'r of Numbers to recount.
- 18 Far sooner could I reckon o'er
The Sands upon the Ocean's Shore ;
Each Morn, revising what I've done,
I find th' Account but new begun.
- 19 The Wicked thou shalt slay, O God ;
Depart from me, ye Men of Blood,
20 Whose Tongues Heav'n's Majesty profane,
And take the Almighty's Name in vain.
- 21 Lord, hate not I their impious Crew,
Who thee with Enmity pursue ?
And does not Grief my Heart oppress,
When Reprobates thy Laws transgress ?
- 22 Who practise Enmity to thee,
Shall utmost Hatred have from me :
Such Men I utterly detest,
As if they were my Foes profess. (Heart,
- 23, 24 Search, try, O God, my Thoughts and
If Mischief lurks in any Part ;
Correct me where I go astray,
And guide me in thy perfect Way.

Psalm cxl.

- 1 Preserve me, Lord, from crafty Foes
of treacherous Intent ;
2 And from the Sons of Violence,
on open Mischief bent,

- 3 Their stand'ring Tongue the Serpent's Sting
in Sharpness does exceed ;
Between their Lips the Gall of Asps
and Adder's Venom breed.
- 4 Preserve me, Lord, from wicked Hands,
nor leave my Soul forlorn,
A Prey to Sons of Violence,
who have my Ruin sworn.
- 5 The Proud for me have laid their Snare,
and spread their wily Net ;
With Traps and Gins, where'er I move,
I find my Steps beset.
- 6 But thus environ'd with Distress,
thou art my God, I said ;
Lord, hear my supplicating Voice,
that calls to thee for Aid.
- 7 O Lord, the God whose saving Strength
kind Succour did convey :
And cover'd my advent'rous Head
in Battle's doubtful Day,
- 8 Permit not their unjust Designs
to answer their Desire ;
Lest they, encourag'd by Success,
to bolder Crimes aspire.
- 9 Let first their Chiefs the sad Effects
of their Injustice mourn,
The Blast of their envenom'd Breath,
upon themselves return.
- 10 Let them who kindled first the Flame,
its Sacrifice become ;
The Pit they dig'd for me, be made
their own untimely Tomb.
- 11 Tho' Slander's Breath may raise a Storm,
it quickly will decay ;
Their Rage does but the Torrent swell
that bears themselves away.
- 12 God will assert the poor Man's Cause,
and speedy Succour give ;
The Just shall celebrate his Praise,
and in his Presence live.

Psalm cxli.

1 **T**O thee, O Lord, my Cries ascend,
O haste to my Relief ;

And

- And with accustom'd Pity hear
the Accents of my Grief.
- 2 Instead of Off'rings let my Pray'r
like Morning Incence rise;
My lifted Hands supply the Place
of Ev'ning Sacrifice.
- 3 From hasty Language curb my Tongue,
and let a constant Guard
Still keep the Portal of my Lips
with wary Silence barr'd.
- 4 From wicked Mens Desighs and Deeds
my Heart and Hands restrain:
Nor let me in the Booty share
of their unrighteous Gain.
- 5 Let upright Men reprove my Faults,
and I shall think them kind:
Like Balm that heals a wounded Head,
I their Reproof shall find.
And in Return, my fervent Pray'r
I shall for them address,
When they are tempted and reduc'd,
like me, to fore Distress.
- 6 When sculking in Engeddi's Rock,
I to their Chiefs appeal,
If one reproachful Word I spoke,
when I had Pow'r to kill:
- 7 Yet us they persecute to Death,
our scatter'd Ruin lie
As thick as from the Hewer's Ax,
the sever'd Splinters fly.
- 8 But, Lord, to thee I still direct
my supplicating Eyes;
O leave not destitute my Soul,
whose Trust on thee relies.
- 9 Do thou preserve me from the Snares
that wicked Hands have laid:
Let them in their own Nets be caught,
while my Escape is made.

Psalm cxlii.

- 1 **T**O God with mournful Voice,
in deep Distress I pray'd;
- 2 Made him the Umpire of my Cause,
my Wrongs before him laid.

- 3 Thou didst my Steps direct,
when my griev'd Soul despair'd ;
For where I thought to walk secure,
they had their Traps prepar'd.
- 4 I look'd, but found no Friend
to own me in Distress ;
All Refuge fail'd, no Man vouchsaf'd
his Pity or Redress.
- 5 To God, at last, I pray'd,
thou, Lord, my Refuge art ;
My Portion in the Land of Life,
till Life itself depart.
- 6 Reduc'd to greatest Straits,
to thee I make my Moan ;
O ! save me from oppressing Foes,
for me too powerful grown.
- 7 That I may praise thy Name,
my Soul from Prison bring ;
Whilst of thy kind Regard to me
assembled Saints shall sing.

Psalm cxliii.

- 1 **L**ORD, hear my Pray'r, and to my Cry
thy wonted Audience lend ;
In thy accusom'd Faith and Truth
a gracious Answer send.
- 2 Nor at thy strict Tribunal bring
thy Servant to be try'd :
For in thy Sight no living Man
can e'er be justify'd.
- 3 The spiteful Foe pursues my Life,
whose Comforts all are fled ;
He drives me into Caves as dark
as Mansions of the Dead.
- 4 My Spirit therefore is o'erwhelm'd,
and sinks within my Breast ;
My mournful Heart grows desolate,
with heavy Woes oppress'd.
- 5 I call to Mind the Days of old,
and Wonders thou hast wrought :
My former Dangers and Escapes
employ my musing Thought.
- 6 To thee my Hands in humble Pray'r
I fervently stretch out ;

- My Soul for thy Refreshment thirsts,
like Land oppress'd with Drought.
- 7 Hear me with Speed ; my Spirit fails,
thy Face no longer hide ;
Lest I become forlorn, like them
that in the Grave reside.
- 8 Thy Kindness early let me hear,
whose Trust on thee depends ;
Teach me the Way where I should go,
my Soul to thee ascends.
- 9 Do thou, O Lord, from all my Foes,
preserve and set me free ;
A safe Retreat against their Rage,
my Soul implores from thee.
- 10 Thou art my God, thy righteous Will
instruct me to obey :
Let thy good Spirit conduct and keep
my Soul in thy right Way.
- 11 O for the Sake of thy great Name,
revive my drooping Heart ;
For thy Truth's Sake, to me distress'd,
thy promis'd Aid impart.
- 12 In Pity to my Suff'rings, Lord,
reduce my Foes to Shame :
Slay them that persecute a Soul
devoted to thy Name.

Psalm cxliv.

- 1 F O R ever blest be God the Lord,
who does his needful Aid impart,
At once both Strength and Skill afford
to wield my Arms with warlike Art.
- 2 His Goodness is my Fort and Tow'r,
my strong Deliv'rance and my Shield ;
In him I trust, whose matchless Pow'r
makes to my Sway fierce Nations yield.
- 3 Lord, what's in Man that thou should'st love
such tender Care of him to take ?
What in his Offspring could thee move
such great Account of him to make ?
- 4 The Life of Man does quickly fade ;
his Thoughts but empty are and vain,
His Days are like a flying Shade,
of whose short Stay no Signs remain.

- 5 In solemn State, O God, descend,
whilst Heav'n its lofty Head inclines,
The smoaking Hills asunder rend,
of thy Approach the awful Signs.
- 6 Discharge thy dreadful Light'nings round,
and make my scatter'd Foes retreat:
Them with thy pointed Arrows wound,
and their Destruction soon complete.
- 7, 8 Do thou, O Lord, from Heav'n engage
thy boundless Pow'r my Foes to quell,
And snatch me from the stormy Rage
of threat'ning Waves that proudly swell,
Fight thou against my foreign Foes,
who utter Speeches false and vain;
Who, tho' in solemn Leagues they close,
their sworn Engagements ne'er maintain.
- 9 So I to thee, O King of Kings,
in joyful Hymns my Voice shall raise:
And Instruments of various Strings,
shall help me thus to sing thy Praise:
- 10 "God does to Kings his Aid afford,
"to them his sure Salvation sends;
" 'Tis he that from the murd'ring Sword,
"his Servant David still defends."
- 11 Fight thou against my foreign Foes,
who utter Speeches false and vain;
Who, tho' in solemn Leagues they close,
their sworn Engagements ne'er maintain.
- 12 Then our young Sons like Trees shall grow
well planted in some fruitful Place;
Our Daughters shall like Pillars show,
design'd some royal Court to grace.
- 13 Our Garner's fill'd with various Store,
shall us and ours with Plenty feed,
Our Sheep increasing more and more,
shall thousands and ten thousands breed.
- 14 Strong shall our lab'ring Oxen grow,
nor in their constant Labour faint:
Whilst we no War nor Slavery know,
and in our Streets hear no Complaint.
- 15 Thrice happy is that People's Case,
whose various Blessings thus abound;
Who God's true Worship still embrace,
and are with his Protection crown'd.

Pfalm cxlv.

- 1, 2 **T**H E E I'll extol, my God and King,
thy endless Praise proclaim;
This Tribute daily I will bring,
and ever blefs thy Name.
- 3 Thou, Lord, beyond Compare art great,
and highly to be prais'd;
Thy Majesty, with boundless Height,
above our Knowledge rais'd.
- 4 Renown'd for mighty Acts, thy Fame
to future Times extends;
From Age to Age thy glorious Name
fucceffively descends.
- 5, 6 Whilft I thy Glory and Renown
and wond'rous Works exprefs;
The World with me thy Might shall own,
and thy great Pow'r confefs.
- 7 The Praise that to thy Love belongs,
they shall with Joy proclaim;
Thy Truth of all their grateful Songs
shall be the constant Theme.
- 8 The Lord is good, fresh Acts of Grace
his Pity still supplies!
His Anger moves with slowest Pace,
his willing Mercy flies.
- 9, 10 Thy Love thro' Earth extends its Fame
to all thy Works exprefs'd:
These shew thy Praise, whilst thy great Name
Is by thy Servants blest.
- 11 They, with the glorious Prospect fir'd,
shall of thy Kingdom speak:
And thy great Pow'r by all admir'd,
their lofty Subject make.
- 12 God's glorious Works of ancient Date
shall thus to all be known;
And thus his Kingdom's royal State
with publick Splendor shown.
- 13 His stedfast Throne from Changes free,
shall stand for ever fast;
His boundless Sway no End shall see,
but Time itself out-last.

P A R T II.

- 14, 15 The Lord does them support that fall,
and makes the Prostrate rise;
For his kind Aid all Creatures call,
who timely Food supplies.
- 16 Whate'er their various Wants require
with open Hand he gives:
And so fulfils the just Desire
of ev'ry Thing that lives.
- 17, 18 How holy is the Lord, how just!
how righteous all his Ways!
How nigh to him, who with firm Trust
for his Assistance prays!
- 19 He grants the full Desires of those
who him with Fear adore,
And will their Troubles soon compose,
when they his Aid implore.
- 20 The Lord preserves all those with Care
whom grateful Love employs:
But Sinners, who his Vengeance dare,
with furious Rage destroys.
- 21 My Time to come, in Praises spent,
shall still advance his Fame;
And all Mankind, with one Consent,
for ever bless his Name.

Psalm cxlvi.

- 1, 2 O Praise the Lord, and thou, my Soul,
for ever bless his Name;
His wond'rous Love while Life shall last,
my constant Praise shall claim.
- 3 On Kings, the greatest Sons of Men,
let none for Aid rely;
They cannot save in dang'rous Times,
nor timely Help apply.
- 4 Depriv'd of Breath, to Dust they turn,
and there neglected lie;
And all their Thoughts and vain Designs
together with them die.
- 5 Then happy he, who Jacob's God
for his Protector takes;
Who still with well-plac'd Hope, the Lord
his constant Refuge makes.

- 6 The Lord who made both Heav'n and Earth,
and all that they contain,
Will never quit his stedfast Truth,
nor make his Promise vain.
- 7 The Poor oppress'd, from all their Wrongs
are eas'd by his Decree:
He gives the Hungry needful Food,
and sets the Pris'ners free.
- 8 By him the Blind receive their Sight,
the Weak and Fall'n he rears;
With kind Regard and tender Love
he for the Righteous cares.
- 9 The Strangers he preserves from Harm,
the Orphan kindly treats,
Defends the Widow, and the Wiles
of wicked Men defeats.
- 10 The God, that does in Sion dwell,
is our eternal King:
From Age to Age his Reign endures,
let all his Praises sing.

Psalm cxlvii.

- 1 O Praise the Lord with Hymns of Joy,
and celebrate his Fame;
For pleasant, good, and comely 'tis
to praise his holy Name.
- 2 His holy City God will build,
tho' levell'd with the Ground;
Bring back his People, tho' dispers'd
thro' all the Nations round.
- 3, 4 He kindly heals the broken Hearts,
and all their Wounds doth close;
He tells the Number of the Stars,
their several Names he knows.
- 5, 6 Great is the Lord, and great his Pow'r,
his Wisdom has no Bound;
The Meek he raises, and throws down
the Wicked to the Ground.
- 7 The God, the Lord, a Hymn of Praise
with grateful Voices sing:
To Songs of Triumph tune the Harp,
and strike each warbling String.
- 8 He covers Heav'n with Clouds, and thence
refreshing Rain bestows;

Thro'

Thro' him, on Mountain Tops, the Grass
with wond'rous Plenty grows.

9 He, savage Beasts, that loosely range,
with timely Food supplies :

He feeds the Ravens tender Brood,
and stops their hungry Cries.

10 He values not the warlike Steed,
but doth his Strength disdain :

The nimble Foot that swiftly runs,
no Prize from him can gain.

11 But he, to him that fears his Name,
his tender Love extends ;

To him that on his boundless Grace
with stedfast Hope depends.

12, 13 Let Sion and Jerusalem
to God their Praise address ;

Who fenc'd their Gates with massy Bars,
and does their Children bless.

14, 15 Thro' all their Borders he gives Peace,
with finest Wheat they're fed ;

He speaks the Word, and what he wills
is done as soon as said.

16 Large Flakes of Snow, like fleecy Wool,
descend at his Command :

And hoary Frost, like Ashes spread,
is scatter'd o'er the Land.

17 When join'd to these, he does his Hail
in little Morfels break ;

Who can against his piercing Cold
secure Defences make.

18 He sends his Word which melts the Ice ;
he makes his Wind to blow ;

And soon the Streams congeal'd before,
in plenteous Currents flow.

19 By him his Statutes and Decrees,
to Jacob's Sons were shown ;

And still to Isr'el's chosen Seed,
his righteous Laws are known.

20 No other Nation this can boast,
nor did he e'er afford

To Heathen Lands his Oracles,
and Knowledge of his Word, Hallelujah

Psalm cxlviii.

1, 2 **Y**E boundless Realms of Joy,
 Exalt your Maker's Fame,
 His Praise your Song employ
 Above the starry Frame;
 Your Voices raise,
 Ye Cherubim
 And Seraphim,
 To sing his Praise.

3, 4 Thou Moon, that rul'st the Night,
 And Sun that guid'st the Day;
 Ye glitt'ring Stars of Light,
 To him your Homage pay;
 His Praise declare,
 Ye Heav'ns above,
 And Clouds that move
 In liquid Air.

5, 6 Let them adore the Lord,
 And praise his holy Name,
 By whose Almighty Word
 They all from Nothing came;
 And all shall last
 From Changes free;
 His firm Decree
 Stands ever fast.

7, 8 Let Earth her Tribute pay;
 Praise him ye dreadful Whales,
 And Fish, that thro' the Sea
 Glide swift, with glitt'ring Scales;
 Fire, Hail, and Snow,
 And misty Air,
 And Winds, that where
 He bids them blow.

9, 10 By Hills and Mountains (all
 In grateful Concert join'd)
 By Cedars stately tall,
 And Trees for Fruit design'd;
 By ev'ry Beast,
 And creeping Thing,
 And Fowl of Wing,
 His Name be blest.

11, 12 Let all of royal Birth,
 With those of humble Frame,

And

And Judges of the Earth,
 His matchless Praise proclaim;
 In this Design
 Let Youths with Maids,
 And hoary Heads
 With Children join.

13 United Zeal be shown,
 His wond'rous Fame to raise,
 Whose glorious Name alone
 Deserves our endless Praise,
 Earth's utmost Ends
 His Pow'r obey:
 His glorious Sway
 The Sky transcends.

14 His chosen Saints to grace,
 He sets them up on high,
 And favours Isr'el's Race,
 Who still to him are nigh,
 O therefore raise
 Your grateful Voice
 And still rejoice
 The Lord to praise.

Psalms cxlix.

1, 2 O Praise ye the Lord,
 Prepare your glad Voice,
 His Praise in the great
 Assembly to sing.
 In our great Creator
 Let Isr'el rejoice;
 And Children of Sion
 Be glad in their King.

3, 4 Let them his great Name
 Extol in the Dance;
 With Timbrel and Harp
 His Praises express:
 Who always takes Pleasure
 His Saints to advance,
 And with his Salvation
 The Humble to bless.

5, 6 With Glory adorn'd
 His People shall sing
 To God, who their Beds
 With Safety does shield;
 Their Mouths fill'd with Praises
 Of him their great King;

Whilst a two-edged Sword
their Right-hand shall wield,

- 7, 8 Just Vengeance to take
for Injuries past ;
To punish those Lands
for Ruin design'd ;
With Chains as their Captives,
to tie their Kings fast,
With Fetters of Iron
their Nobles to bind.
- 9 Thus shall they make good,
when them they destroy,
The dreadful Decree
which God does proclaim :
Such Honour and Triumph
his Saints shall enjoy,
O therefore for ever
exalt his great Name,

Psalm cl.

- 1 O Praise the Lord, in that blest Place,
from whence his Goodness largely flows ;
Praise him in Heav'n, where he his Face
unveil'd in perfect Glory shows.
- 2 Praise him for all the mighty Acts
which he in our Behalf has done ;
His Kindness this Return exacts,
with which our Praise should equal run.
- 3 Let the shrill Trumpet's warlike Voice
make Rocks and Hills his Praise rebound ;
Praise him with Harp's melodious Noise,
and gentle Psalt'ry's silver Sound.
- 4 Let Virgin-Troops soft Timbrels bring,
and some with graceful Motion dance ;
Let Instruments of various Strings,
with Organs join'd, his Praise advance.
- 5 Let them who joyful Hymns compose,
to Cymbals set their Songs of Praise ;
Cymbals of common Use, and those
that loudly sound on solemn Days.
- 6 Let all that vital Breath enjoy,
the Breath he does to them afford,
In just Returns of Praise employ ;
let every Creature praise the Lord !

Common Measure.

- 1 TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
Be Glory as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

As Psalm 5.

- 2 To God the Father, Son,
and Spirit, Glory be;
As 'twas, and is, and shall be so
to all Eternity.

As the 100 Psalm.

- 3 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom Earth and Heav'n adore,
Be Glory, as it was of old,
is now, and shall be evermore.

As the old 112th, and the last Part of the
113th Psalm Tune.

- 4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom Heav'n's triumphant Host,
and suff'ring Saints on Earth adore,
Be Glory, as in Ages past,
As now it is, and so shall last
when Time itself shall be no more,

As Psalm 148.

- 5 To God the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest
Eternal Three in One,
All Worship be address'd,
As heretofore,
It was, is now,
And shall be so
For evermore.

As Psalm 149.

- 6 By Angels in Heav'n
of ev'ry Degree,
And Saints upon Earth,
All Praise be address'd
To God in Three Persons,
One God ever blest;
As it has been, now is,
And always shall be.













